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ISAAC CUMMINGS, OF TOPSFIELD, MASS.,
AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

ARRANGED FROM DATA COLLECTED BY MISS MARIETTA CLARK,
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GEORGE FRANCIS DOW.

The first mention in Essex County records of Isaac Cummings,* is an entry made by the town clerk, at Ipswich, showing that he owned a planting lot near Reedy marsh, in that town, previous to July 25, 1638. On the 9th of the 2nd month, 1639, he also owned a house lot in Ipswich village, on the street called the East End, next the lot owned by Rev. Nathaniel Rogers. He was a commoner in 1639, and the same year sold land near the highway leading to Jeffrey's Neck. He also possessed, in 1639, land adjoining John Winthrop and William Goodhue, the farm being partly in Ipswich and partly in Topsfield. He was made a freeman, May 18, 1642, and was a proprietor in Watertown the same year. As an Ipswich commoner he was one of those "that have right of commonage there the last of the last month, 1641."

On the first day of the second month, 1652, Isaac Cummings, for £30, bought of Samuel Symonds, 150 acres of land, "being the North-east corner of his farm called Ollivers." This lot of land was in Topsfield and bounded on the

*Isaac Cummings, according to tradition, was of Scottish ancestry, claiming descent from the "Red Cummin," of Badenoch, in the south-eastern district of Inverness-shire, a wild, mountainous country, presenting wide stretches of bleak moorland. Here the clan flourished from 1080 to 1330, and then began to decline. Some deduce their origin from Normandy and others from Northumberland. According to the Chronicle of Melrose, the first of the name, who figures prominently, was slain

west and north-west by land lately of John Winthrop, on the south and west by land of Francis Peabody, and on the south by land of Daniel Clarke.

This farm began at what is now known as the Hobbs-Bell place, and continued down both sides of the brook, then called "Winthropps," to what is now called Howlett's brook, one hundred acres lying on the westerly side, and fifty acres on the easterly side, probably joining other land belonging to him.

The county court records have the following items: Goodman Isaac Cummings, of Topsfield, having claimed ownership of a heifer in the possession of John Fuller and driven the same to his home, suit was brought by said Fuller. March 28, 1654.

Isaac Comings, sen^r., was witness against Wm. Duglas, of Ipswich, who was presented "for taking of 19lb of Shorborne Wilson, his late servant, for 9 mo. time, which we think tends to opresion." March, 1656.

Isaac Commins, sen^r., was sued for debt by Zerobabell Phillips, of Ipswich. March, 1657.

Isaac Cummings, sen^r., brought suit against John Fuller for damage done in his corn by swine belonging to said Fuller. Dec. 31, 1656.

In 1659 Isaac Comins, sen^r., made deposition that Zacheus Gould, of Topsfield, "in time of singing y^e psalm one sabbath day in y^e afternoon, sate him downe upon y^e end of y^e Table (about w^{ch} y^e Minister & Chiefe of y^e people sit) wth his hatt

with Malcom III, at Alnwick, in 1093, leaving two sons, John and William. From John, all the Cumins in Scotland are said to be descended. Sir John, the Red Cumin or Comyn, was the first Lord of Badenoch, and in 1240 was an ambassador from Alexander II, to Louis IX, of France. His son John, called the Black Lord of Badenoch, was inferior to no subject in Scotland for wealth and power, and was one of those who vowed to support Queen Margaret, daughter of Alexander III, in her title to the crown. At her death he became a competitor for the crown of Scotland, "as the son and heir of John, who was son of Richard, son of William, son of Hextilda, daughter and heiress of Gothrick, son and heir of Donald, King of Scotland." The son of this Lord, called, in turn, the Red Cumin, was the last Lord of Badenoch of the surname of Cumin. In 1335 a number of the Cumin clan were slain in the feudal battle of Culbleau, in Glennwick, where a stone now marks the spot. The badge of the clan, in Gaelic, was "Lus Mhic Cuiminn," in English—the cummin plant.

fully on his head, & his back toward all y^e rest of y^m y^t sate about y^e Table, & thence spoken to by y^e Minister & 2 others, ether to shoue reverence to y^e Ordinance, or to wthdrawe, yet altered not his posture."

Isaac Cummings was chosen grandjuryman in 1675 and was moderator of the Town Meeting in 1676. He was deacon of the church in Topsfield for many years. According to a deposition made Mar., 1666, wherein he gave his age as 65, he probably was born in 1600 or 1601. Of his wife nothing is known save that she died before 1677. He died between the dates of May 8 and 22 in the year 1677.

The Last will and testament of Isaac Comins Senier. I being sencabl of my aproaching desolution being att present weak in body yet perfect in my vnderstanding haueing by the grace of god bene helped to provid for my future state in another world: doe now in ordering of what god hath been pleased to bestow vpon me of the blessings of this life, take Care and order that in the first place my debts be duly payd: nextly I doe by this my last will and testament confirme to my son Ifaac the ten Acres of division Land on the south side of the great river be more or less: nextly I do giue vnto my son in law John Jewet ten pounds part in Cattel and part in houshovld goods: nextly I do will and bequeath to my grandson Isaac the son of my son Isaac one year old heifer on little sow the indian corne which he hath planted for himself and the flax which he hath sowne, item I doe giue vnto him my chest the 2^d in bignes with the lock and key: item my history book with such books as are his owne: i e. a bibl and testament, item I do giue him ten pounds to be payd at seuenteen years of age in Cōvntry pay—item I doe giue vnto my son in Law John pease thirty povnds to be pay out of the stock of Cattel and hovshovld goods as much as maybe att present and the rest in two years—item I doe make my son John my sole executor and doe giue vnto him my house and lands being fovrty Acres more or less Consisting of vpland and meddow—with all the priviledges emmolvmnts therof and apvrtainces thervnto belonging: provided that this land shall stand bovnd in part and in wholl for the payment of these leagacyes and in case that the said legacyes shal not be payd according to this my will: the land shall be sovld and

payment made out of the price thereof: and the remainder shall be the executors: item my will further is that if any of these my children shall through discontent att what is done for them in this my will: Cause trovb1 to arise to the executor then there shall be nothing payd to him or them but the legacy or legacies willed to them shall return too and remain in the hands of the executor as his proper right. dated the 8th of the 3^d mth 1677.

My desir farther is that Isaac ffoster and Thomas Dorman would take Care that this my will be duly performed.

Isaac Cumings S^r.

Witnesses the Mark I of John poore S^r
 Thomas Dorman
 Isaac ffoster.

Probated June 14, 1677.

The Inuentory of all the Goods & Chattls of Isake Comings senior Late of Topsfeild deceased tacken and appraised by us whos names ar under writen this 22 maye 1677.

it	a Cloth Sute 40:	2:00:0
it	a Grey Sute 35	1:15:0
it	6 yards of cloth with butons silk & thread as they cost at the marchants	1:19:3
it	an old Grat Coat 9 ^s : wascot 6 ^s	0:15:0
it	a payer of Gren brchis & two payer of drawers	0:09:0
it	3 payer of shoos 1 ^s : 5 payer of stokins 8 ^s	0:09:0
it	4 shirts 10 ^s : 7 Caps 7 ^s : one slke Cape 4 ^s	1:01:0
it	10 bandes 10 ^s : 7 handcovehrs 3 ^s	0:13:0
it	4 hates 8 ^s : a cloth hood & Startups 1:6 ^d	0:09:6
it	a fether beed & bolser & pillow	4:00:0
it	a nu Couerlit 24 ^s : an old couerlit 5 ^s	1:09:0
it	Curtins & valants, beedsted cord & matt	1:10:0
it	a smale beed with a pilow & a Rugge	1:15:6
it	one payer of sheetes 30 ^s & other payer 16:	2:06:0
it	one payer of sheets 18 ^s one sheet 7 ^s	1:05:0
it	3 pilow bers 6 ^s : 3 napkins 3 ^s 6 ^d	0:09:6
it	2 table cloths 5 ^s 6 ^d 7 toweles 5 ^s 6 ^d	0:11:0

it	two sacks and willit one bage	0:10:0
it	3 Small Remnants of cloth	0:02:6
it	flax and tow	0:06:0
it	6 pound of cotton woole	0:06:0
it	a broad howe 2 ^s one broad how 3 ^s 6 ^d	0:05:6
it	an iron foot 1 ^s 6 ^d : 3 haye forks 4 ^s :6 ^d	0:06:0
it	an iron spitt 3 ^s & ades 5 ^s a hand sawe 2 ^s 6 ^d	0:10:6
it	axe 3 ^s 6 ^d : & old spad 3 ^s : botle & 4 wedgis 6 ^s	0:12:6
it	a mare 40 ^s : a yearling Colt 15 ^s : a saddle & a panel with a bridle & gurte & crooper 20 ^s	3:15:0
it	a brafs pott 20 ^s one iron pott 9 ^s two payer of potthooks	1:12:0
it	an old kette 6 ^s : 3 ^s 6 ^d a bras candlstik 4 ^s potlid 1 ^s	0:14:6
it	in pewter 18 ^s tine 9 ^d : one glac 1 ^s : 5 spon 2 ^s	1:01:9
it	earthn ware 6 ^s 8 ^d : tramell tongs Bellis 12 ^s	0:18:8
it	hamer pinchers 5 ^s : fann 3 ^s chern 5 ^s	0:13:0
it	a nu powdering tub 3 ^s 6 ^d : 4 paiels 7 ^s 8 ^d	0:11:2
it	2 Kelors 4 ^s : old powdring tub 1 ^s two old barels 2 ^s	0:07:0
it	half bushel: a peck: halfe peck	0:03:6
it	4 trayes 4 ^s 4 bouls 4 ^s dishes & ladle 1 ^s 8 ^d	0:09:8
it	one duz trenchers 1 ^s two barels 5 ^s	0:06:0
it	3 siues 3 ^s 3 chayers 7 ^s A litle table & form 4 ^s	0:14:0
it	a desk 6 ^s one chest 11 ^s 6 ^d two old chests 4 ^s	1:01:6
it	3 books 10 ^s a chest 5 ^s two books 10 ^s	1:05:0
it	Corn 10 ^s malt 6 ^s	0:16:0
it	baker 3 ^s kneding trof 2 ^s	0:05:0
it	A worming Pann friing pann	0:10:0
it	eight swine	5:00:0
it	3 coves 12 ^l : one 2 yer old ster, one yerling	16:06:0
it	howsing and Lands with all prueledges & apurtenceses: upland & meado is abought 40 accers	100:00:0
it	depts due to the eftat	004:00:0
John Whipple		125:12:0
John How		40:09:6
		166:01:6

depts due from the est at aboute

19:16:5

John Comings testified vpon oath before the worshipfull Samuell Symonds Esqr Dep; Gov^r. & maior Gen^{ll} Esq^r & the clarke being present the 14th of June 1677 and testified vpon oath this to be a true Inventory of the estate of his late ffather deceased to the best of his knowledge & if more appeare to ad the same

As attest. Robert Lord Cler.

Children:

2. i. JOHN, b. — 1630. *See below (2).*
3. ii. ISAAC, b. — 1633. *See below (3).*
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. —; m. May 1, 1661, John Jewett of Rowley. By deed dated Feb. 28, 1661-2, Isaac Cummings conveyed a farm of 40 ac. to John Jewett of Rowley "for and in consideration of marriage with my daughter Elizabeth." She d. in Ipswich, July 9, 1679, and he m. 2nd Elizabeth, widow of Benjamin Chadwell of Lynn.
- iv. ANN, b. —; m. Oct. 8, 1669, John Pease of Salem, it being his second marriage. They removed to Enfield, Conn., in 1681. Children: James, b. Oct. 23, 1670; Isaac, b. July 15, 1672; Abigail b. Oct. 15, 1675.

2

JOHN CUMMINGS² born in 1630; married Sarah, daughter of Ensigne Thomas Howlett. He received, by his father's will, the homestead, consisting of 40 acres with houses, barns, orchards and fences, and in 1680 sold the same to Edward Nealand (Kneeland). This farm was bounded by land of the above Nealand, and by Tobijah Perkins and the Ipswich common land. About 1658 he removed to Boxford. Both he and his wife were members of the church in Topsfield. Dec. 7, 1685: "voted dismission to John Cummings without commendation and dismissed his wife with commendation to the church to be shortly gathered at Dunstable,"—*Topsfield Church records*. He removed with his family to Dunstable, Mass., about 1680, where he was one of the first

settlers. He was a selectman in 1682 and a member of the church in 1684. He died Dec. 1, 1700, his wife having died Dec. 7, 1688.

Children :

4. i. JOHN, b. ———. *See below (4).*
5. ii. THOMAS, b. Oct. 6, 1658. *See below (5).*
6. iii. NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 10, 1659. *See below (6).*
- iv. SARAH, b. Jan. 28, 1661-2 ; m. Dec. 24, 1682, Samuel French, son of Lieut. William French.
7. v. ABRAHAM, b. ———. *See below (7).*
- vi. ISAAC, } Killed by Indians at Dunstable, Nov. 2,
- vii. EBENEZER, } 1688. "Remained unburied several days."
- viii. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 5, 1671 ; d. Mar. 30, 1672(3?).
- ix. ELEIZER, b. Aug. 5, 1671.
- x. BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 23, 1672-3.
- xi. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 28, 1677.

3

ISAAC CUMMINGS², born in 1633 ; married Nov. 27, 1659, Mary Andrews, daughter of Robert Andrews. He received, in 1663, by deed from his father, a farm of 100 acres lying on both sides of Winthrop's brook, being a part of the original purchase of Samuel Symonds. He built his house near or on the site of the Hobbs-Bell house. He was elected deacon of the church June 13, 1686, and was an influential man in the town, his name frequently appearing upon the records. He is styled "Sergeant" in the list of those who took the oath of allegiance in 1678. He also served as selectman, treasurer, constable and tithingman. He was made a freeman in 1673, and in 1675 was impressed for the Narraganset expedition. In his will dated in 1712 and probated June 19, 1721, he gives his son Isaac £30, and land in Boxford ; to son John, land on the south side of the river "where he now dwells," and also "my homestead house and land * * * in Consideration of what he hath Done Towards mine & my Wives Support while my wife Lived, & upon Consideration yt he maintaines mee honorably During my Naturall Life." Thomas, the other son, "for whom I have Done Considerably already in helping him purchase land,"

received "my English Dictionary." He died in 1721, his wife having died before 1712.

Children:

- i. A son b. and d. Aug. 28, 1660.
- ii. A son b. and d. Nov. 2, 1661.
- iii. A son b. and d. Dec. 6, 1662.
8. iv. ISAAC, b. Sept. 15, 1664. *See below (8).*
9. v. JOHN, b. June 7, 1666. *See below (9).*
10. vi. THOMAS, b. June 27, 1670. *See below (10).*
- vii. MARY, b. Feb. 16, 1671-2; m. July 14, 169-, Daniel Black, jr., of Boxford. She d. Dec. 16, 169-.
- viii. REBECCA, b. April 1, 1674; m. Jan. 13, 1695-6, Thomas Howlett. He d. Feb. 10, 1713; and Dec. 20, 1715, she m. 2nd, Michael Whidden, of Portsmouth, N. H.
- ix. ABIGAIL, b. ———; m. Mar. 28, 1693-4, Samuel Perley, son of Samuel Perley. She d. Jan. 22, 1725-6.
- x. STEBEN, b. Feb. 27, 1680-1. "Dyed by the hands of the Indians on the third Day of July, 1706."

4

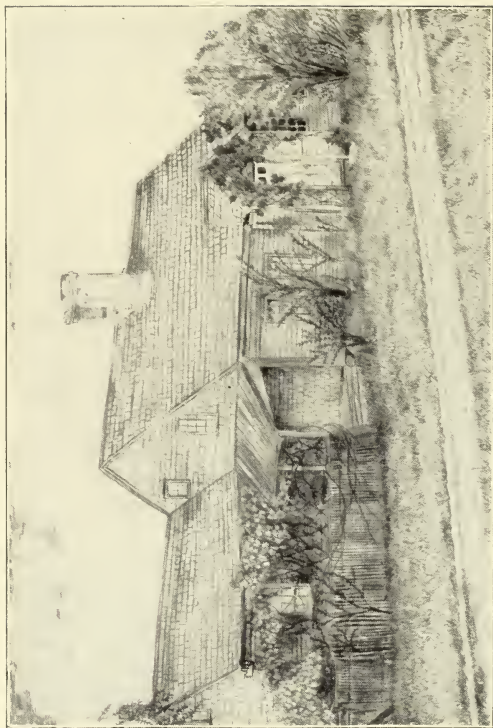
JOHN CUMMINGS³, born in Boxford, and lived in Dunstable; married, Sept. 13, 1680, Elizabeth Kinsley, who "was killed by the Indians, July 3, 1706." Belknap I, 173.

Children: John, b. July 7, 1682; m. —, 1705, Elizabeth Adams, of Chelmsford; Samuel, b. Oct. 6, 1684; Elizabeth, b. Jan. 5, 1687; Ebenezer, b. Sept. 17, 1695; Anna, b. Sept. 14, 1798; Lydia, b. Mar. 24, 1701, d. —, 1701; William, b. April 24, 1702.

5

THOMAS CUMMINGS³, born in Boxford, Oct. 6, 1658; married, Dec. 19, 1688, Priscilla Warner. Lived in Dunstable. He died in 1723.

Children: Priscilla; Mary; Ann; Thomas; Jonathan, b. July 3, 1703, m. Elizabeth Blanchard; Ephraim and Samuel.



THE CUMMINGS-HOBBS-BELL HOUSE.

6

NATHANIEL CUMMINGS³, born in Boxford, Sept. 10, 1659; married Abigail ——. Lived in Dunstable.

Children: John, b. Jan. 14, 1698, d. 1770; Nathaniel, b. Sept. 8, 1699; Eliezer, b. Oct. 19, 1701; Joseph, b. May 26, 1704.

7

ABRAHAM CUMMINGS³, born in Boxford, removed with his father to Dunstable about 1680, where he evidently was living in 1689, he being one of those who contributed to the ministers' "wood rate." He married, Feb. 28, 1687, Sarah Wright, of Woburn, where he lived for about ten years.

Children:

- i. ABRAHAM, b. Oct. 7, 1690, in Woburn.
- ii. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 1, 1692, in Woburn. *See below (11).*
- iii. SARAH, b. Feb. 10, 1694, in Woburn.
- iv. JACOB, b. Jan. 3, 1696, in Woburn.
- v. JOSIAH, b. July 12, 1698, in Dunstable.
- vi. ELIEZER, b. April 9, 1704, in Woburn.

8

ISAAC CUMMINGS³, born in Topsfield, Sept. 15, 1664; married, 1st, Dec. 25, 1688, Alice Howlett, daughter of Thomas Howlett; married, 2nd, Nov. 23, 1696, Frances Sherwin, of Boxford. She d. Mar. 13, 1770. He received by deed from his father in 1708, 57 acres of land in Boxford, but he probably never resided on the farm, as in 1712 he was living on a farm deeded him by his wife's grandfather, Thomas Howlett. The farm was situated in the vicinity of the present Alfred Cummings homestead, then situated in Ipswich. There are supposed to have been no less than six different houses upon this farm. The first one was situated very near the river and it is said to have been destroyed by Indians. In 1721 both he and his wife were dismissed from the church in Topsfield to the church in Ipswich. He died Aug. 7, 1746.

Children:

- i. LYDIA, bapt. May 4, 1690; pub. Oct. 5, 1723, Stephen Smith, of Ipswich. Had four children.
- ii. ISAAC, bapt. April 24, 1692. *See below (12).*

- iii. ALICE, b. Dec. 10, 1695; pub. April 22, 1725, Thomas Bixbee; lived in Boxford and d. before 1736, leaving four children.
- iv. MERCY, b. June 5, 1699, and d. Nov. 4, 1731, unmarried.
- v. JEMIMA, b. July 4, 1704; m. Jan. 1, 1733-4, Jonathan Foster, of Ipswich, and d. before 1750.
- vi. PALLATIAH, b. May 15, 1707; d. Nov. 14, 1727.
- vii. JERUSHA, b. Feb. 17, 1710; pub. Jan. 1, 1735-6, Joshua Conant, of Ipswich.

9

JOHN CUMMINGS³, born in Topsfield, June 7, 1666; married, Jan. 23, 1688-9, Susannah, daughter of Joseph and Phebe Towne. She died Sept. 13, 1766, æ. 96. He received from his father by will dated May 8, 1722, 100 acres of land now known as the Hobbs-Bell farm, and fifty acres of land on the south side of the river "where my son John now dwells." As early as 1694 he began buying land on the south side of the river, until he finally owned over 200 acres. He was living in that part of the town as early as 1714, and probably much earlier. He lived in the old house that stood, until its destruction by fire in 1882, on what is now known as the Peterson farm. He was tithingman, constable, and held other minor town offices. He executed a will May 8, 1722, which was proved July 16, 1722.

Children:

- 13. i. JOSEPH, bapt. Jan. 26, 1689-90. *See below (13).*
- 14. ii. JOHN, bapt. July 17, 1692. *See below (14).*
 - iii. ISAAC, b. Dec. 25, 1695; d. before 1722¹.
- 15. iv. DAVID, b. April 15, 1698. *See below (15).*
 - v. MARY, b. May 15, 1700; m. Jan. 24, 1722-3, Nathaniel Hutchinson, of Salem, and removed to Sutton. She d. before 1732.
 - vi. SUSANNAH, b. Jan. 3, 1701-2; m. Feb. 14, 1721-2, John Whipple, of Salem.
 - vii. STEBBENS [Stephen], b. Aug. 3, 1706; m. Ruth, daughter of John Giles, of Salem Village. Cooper. Sold, in 1732, 52 acres of land and $\frac{1}{2}$ barn which

1. This Isaac Cummings may have m. Jan. 5, 1720-1, Hannah Eastie.

formerly was given to brother John by father's will, and removed to Sutton, Mass., where he m. Betty Carriel. "Mr. Cummings was the first 'teetotaler' in town; he could never drink any kind of intoxicating drink; yet his full temperament and florid complexion led strangers to think that he might indulge."—*History of Sutton, Mass.* Dead before 1766. Was probably named for his uncle, who was killed by Indians about the time he was born.

- 16.viii. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 14, 1708-9. *See below (16).*
 ix. REBECKAH, bapt. Nov. 1, 1713; m. Feb. 2, 1730-1, Thomas Perkins, and d. Aug. 13, 1734.

ISAAC CUMMINGS. "Lydia How her son Isaac Cummings as She called him was Born on y^e 4 day of december 1719." This boy's paternity does not appear. His will made March 4, 1744-5, "Being Bound in his Majesties Service In y^e Expedition Formed Against Cape Britton," was brought to an early probate, and another life tragedy and luckless pledge of unwedded love was buried with hundreds of other brave New Englanders, beneath the dark greensward on Point Rochfort, near "the Dunkirk of America." "No monument marks the sacred spot, but the waves of the restless ocean, in calm or storm, sing an everlasting requiem over the graves of the departed heroes." He remembered in his will several cousins, "the church of Christ in Topsfield," and by a codicil made at Louisburg, while "weak of body," one, Mary Marshall, who lived with her guardian in the old home in Topsfield; a sweetheart, who, with "the poor of Topsfield," shared the wage due from the Province to the dying soldier.

THOMAS CUMMINGS³, born in Topsfield, June 27, 1670; married, Mar. 20, 1704-5, Mehitable, daughter of Joseph and Ann (Hathorne) Porter, of Salem Village. She died May 9, 1738. He was of Boxford at time of marriage, and was selectman of that town in 1713, 1721, 1728, 1731. By will dated 1749 and proved Dec. 25, 1749, he bequeathed,

among other items, land lying in Lancaster, a dictionary and a farrier's book.

Children:

- i. SAMUEL, b. April 3, 1706. Removed to Lunenburg, Mass., where he was in 1750¹.
- ii. MEHITABLE, b. Oct. 21, 1710; m. May 7, 1740, Oliver Andrews, of Middleton.
17. iii. JACOB, b. Nov. 21, 1714. *See below (17)*.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. June 5, 1717; m. Nov. 16, 1743, John Buswell, of Boxford.

II

JOSEPH CUMMINGS⁴, born Sept. 1, 1692, in Woburn; married, 1st, Dec. 1, 1714, Sarah, daughter of Isaac and Abigail Easty. She was living in 1748. He m. 2nd, Nov. 11, 1751, Priscilla Lamson. She died Aug. 19, 1780. At the age of twelve, tradition says, he came to Topsfield to live with Thomas Howlett, whose wife was Rebecca Cummings, and by whom he was adopted. In 1715 he received by deed the farm east of the Ipswich river, in "thick woods," of recent years known as the Smith farm. He d. April 22, 1794, æ. 101. Cleaveland, in his Bi-centennial Address, says of him: "With physical energies scarcely impaired, and with a mental vigor not perceptively abated, Captain Cummings lived to the age of one hundred and two. Even after he had completed his 'orb' of years he could mount his horse, unaided, from the ground, and ride many miles. To the last his memory was strong and exact—his judgement clear and sound—his retorts equally quick and keen."

"Died at Topsfield, on the 22d of April, Capt. Joseph Cummings, in the 102d year of his age. He was born at Woburn, Sept. 1, 1692, O. S. At the age of 12 he came to Topsfield, by the invitation of a relation, who gave him a tract of wild land, on which he settled and lived about 80 years. In early life he made a public profession of religion; and, by a uniform piety, integrity, temperance, cheerfulness and benevolence, he supported an amiable and unblemished character. He was not favored with the advantages of education; but strong mental powers, an inquisitive turn of

1. Samuel Cummings, of Uxbridge, and Mrs. Sarah Emerson, of Ipswich, pub. Nov. 10, 1753.

mind, and a tenacious memory, had enabled him to acquire and retain a good knowledge of the principal events and public transactions of the last hundred years. Possessed of a rich fund of interesting and entertaining anecdotes, he was a living history of nearly a century.

Within his memory the people of his neighborhood were in fear of the Indians, and he had himself stood centry at a small fortress in the town. Employed from his youth in cultivating a valuable farm, not with excessive labor, but steady industry—living in a plentiful, but plain and simple manner—and enjoying a uniform cheerfulness—the powers of his body and mind continued in great vigor, to a very advanced age. When nearly an hundred, he would readily mount his horse from the ground; and his reason continued to his last moments. Satisfied with living, and with little appearance of any other disease than senility, he closed this mortal scene, in the cheerful hope of a blessed immortality. His descendents were 2 children, 23 grand-children, 116 great-grand-children, and 32 great-great-grand-children. Total 173.”—*Salem Gazette*, May. 13, 1794.

Children:

18. i. THOMAS, bapt. July 15, 1716. *See below* (18).
- ii. SARAH, b. Aug. 20, 1720; pub. Sept. 18, 1736, Benjamin Lamson. Removed to Exeter, N. H.

(12)

ISAAC CUMMINGS⁴, bapt. April 24, 1692, in Topsfield; married, Mar. 8, 1716-17, Abigail, daughter of Joseph and Prudence (Foster) Boardman. She died Oct. 5, 1771, “an aged woman.” Lived in Ipswich. In 1744, before the marriage of his son Joseph, he sold to him the westerly half of his homestead, and in 1752 he sold the remaining half to his son Pelatiah. Yeoman. He died Oct. 12, 1761.

Children:

- i. ABIGAIL, bapt. Aug. 2, 1719; m. July 12, 1738, Samuel Potter, of Ipswich.
19. ii. ELISHA, bapt. Aug. 2, 1719. *See below* (19).
- iii. MARY, bapt. Oct. 2, 1720; m. June 4, 1741, Ezekiel Potter, of Ipswich.
20. iv. JOSEPH, bapt. May —, 1722. *See below* (20).

- v. HANNAH, b. Jan. 16, 1724-5; pub. Sept. 30, 1750, Robert Perkins. She d. July 22, 1802.
- 21. vi. PELATIAH, bapt. Oct. 27, 1728. *See below (21).*

13

JOSEPH CUMMINGS⁴, bapt. Jan. 26, 1689-90, in Topsfield; married, May 22, 1712, Abigail, daughter of Isaac and Abigail (Kimball) Easty. By his father's will he shared with his brother John his grandfather's homestead, the Hobbs-Bell place. He died of small-pox Dec. 24, 1729, and seventeen days later his widow followed him, a victim of the same dread disease. At the death of the parents the children were placed under guardianship, and on coming of age, at different times, sold their shares in the estate, so that the homestead passed out of the family name.

Children:

- 22. i. JOSEPH, b. July 27, 1713. *See below (22).*
- ii. JACOB, b. May 12, 1717; house-wright; removed to Sutton, Mass., about 1733; m. Jan. 21, 1744, Mary Marble, and had 11 children. He d. Oct. 13, 1814.
- iii. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 16, 1721.
- 23. iv. DANIEL, b. Dec. 4, 1724. *See below (23).*
- v. MOSES, b. Oct. 9, 1726; he was of Ipswich when he was pub. Nov. 2, 1754, to Esther Adams, of that town. Perhaps lived in Sutton, Mass.

14

JOHN CUMMINGS⁴, bapt. July 17, 1692, in Topsfield; published Feb. 18, 1715, Mary, daughter of Isaac and Martha (Towne) Larrabee, of Lynn. He was a cordwainer, and in his father's will shared with his brother Joseph, his grandfather's homestead, the Hobbs-Bell place. In 1727 he exchanged this share with his brother Stebbens for a farm just over the line, in Middleton, now known as the "Porter Gould place." In 1748 he sold his home in Middleton and removed to Southborough, Mass., where he bought a farm from John How. His son-in-law, Thomas Goodale, bought the adjoining farm from John Gould. In his will, dated Dec. 19, 1755, he mentions his son John, "if he shall ever return

from His Majesty's service." He died Feb. 29, 1756.

Children:

24. i. JOHN, b. April 19, 1717. *See below (24).*
- ii. HANNAH, b. Nov. 6, 1718; m. Dec. 13, 1739, Thomas Goodale.
- iii. MERCY, b. Oct. 26, 1720; m. July 1, 1740, Thomas Pike.
- iv. BENJAMIN, b. Sept. 12, 1723; d. Nov. 27, 1731.
- v. REUBEN, b. Jan 29, 1726; m. —, 1747, Hannah Booth.
- vi. SARAH, b. May 30, 1729; was living in 1755.
- vii. BENJAMIN, b. Oct. 7, 1731.
25. viii. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 5, 1733. *See below (25).*

15

DAVID CUMMINGS^d, born in Topsfield, April 15, 1698; married, 1st, — Anna —. She died Feb. 9, 1741, æ. 31. He married, 2nd, (pub.) Oct. 30, 1741, Sarah Goodhue, of Ipswich, who afterwards married, May 25, 1769, Deacon George Bixby. He, with his brother John, gave the "South Side Burying Ground" in Topsfield. Lived on his father's homestead, and at death bequeathed the property to his son Samuel. In his will he gave to his "well beloved wife Sarah," an annual allowance of the various necessities of life, among those named being "five barrels of cider yearly." He died April 2, 1765.

Children:

26. i. DAVID, b. March 26, 1729. *See below (26).*
- ii. JONATHAN, b. March 19, 1730-1; d. April 5, 1731.
27. iii. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 28, 1731-2. *See below (27).*
- iv. ANNA, b. Oct. 20, 1734; m. April 11, 1754, Moses Perkins, and had five children.
- v. SUSANNA, b. May 8, 1737; m. Dec. 8, 1763, Edmund Towne and removed to New Ipswich, N. H.
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 19, 1739; d. Feb. 13, 1741.
28. vii. JONATHAN, b. Oct. 14, 1743. *See below (28).*
- viii. STEPHEN, b. Jan. 27, 1744-5; d. May 27, 1765, "coming home from sea."
- ix. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 19, 1746-7; d. Feb. 14, 1746-7.

- x. DANIEL, b. Aug. 30, 1749. He was a soldier in the Revolution.
- xi. ARCHELAUS, b. June 1, 1752.

16

SAMUEL CUMMINGS⁴, born in Topsfield, Feb. 14, 1708-9; married, Nov. 7, 1733, Susanna, daughter of Nathaniel and Joanna (Dunnell) Hood¹. Lived in Middleton, on a farm occupied in part by his brother John, to whom he transferred all right and title Nov. 23, 1733, and removed to Stoughton, Mass. Was a soldier in the Louisburg expedition in 1745, and was living in 1767, when his mother's estate was divided.

17

JACOB CUMMINGS⁴, born in Boxford, Nov. 21, 1714; married, —, 1745, Mary —, who died Dec. 2, 178—. He lived in Boxford. Was a soldier in Capt. Jacob Gould's Company at Lexington. Was selectman of Boxford for many years. He died March 26, 1803.

Children:

- i. MEHITABLE, b. Sept. 21, 1746; d. Dec. 5, 1752.
- ii. DUDLEY, b. Feb. 18, 1748; committed suicide by hanging in Willis' woods, East Boxford, June 25, 1815.
- iii. JACOB, b. April 17, 1750; d. April 10, 1757.
- iv. POLLY, b. April 15, 1752; pub. March 29, 1785, Thomas Andrews.
- v. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 19, 1755; d. Nov. 10, 1776. He was a soldier in the Revolution.
- vi. JACOB, b. Jan. 10, 1762; d. April 3, 1769.
- vii. THOMAS, b. Oct. 12, 1765; d. May 29, 1834, *non compos mentis*.

18

THOMAS CUMMINGS⁵, born in Ipswich, was bapt. July 15, 1716; married, 1st, (pub.) July 17, 1736, Lydia Richardson, of Dracut. She died March 26, 1753, and he married, 2nd, March 28, 1754, Anna Kettell, widow of Asa Johnson, of

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Andover. She died Dec. 6, 1792. Lieutenant in the French and Indian war and was at the capture of Louisburg. He probably lived with his father on the hill farm in "thick woods" until 1763, when he bought the farm in Topsfield now known as the Robinson place. He died Sept. 3, 1765.

Children:

- i. ASA, b. Dec. 28, 1737; d. Mar. 2, 1737-8.
- ii. LYDIA, b. Jan. 30, 1738-9; pub. Aug. 3, 1755, Ebenezer Porter. Removed to Little Hocking, Ohio, had thirteen children, and died Mar. 28, 1814.
29. iii. THOMAS, b. Feb. 12, 1740-1. *See below (29)*.
- iv. SARAH, b. May 9, 1743; m. —, Samuel Colby.
- v. ANNA, b. May 29, 1745; pub. June 25, 1763, John Towne.
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. May 17, 1747; m. Dec. 6, 1764, Abraham Hobbs, jr.
- vii. RHODA, b. July 13, 1749; m. April 20, 1774, David Hobbs.
- viii. ABRAHAM, b. Jan. 4, 1755, grad. Brown Univ., 1776. Clergyman.
- ix. JOSIAH, b. Jan. 30, 1756; m. Dec. 6, 1781, Mary Boardman. Private in Capt. Baker's Co., 1775. He d. of cancer Feb. 6, 1835, in Albany, Me.
30. x. STEPHEN, b. Feb. 9, 1757. *See below (30)*.
31. xi. DANIEL, b. April 11, 1758. *See below (31)*.
32. xii. ASA, b. Sept. 18, 1759. *See below (32)*.
- xiii. ISRAEL, bapt. Dec. 25, 1763; d. Jan. 22, 1764.

19

ELISHA CUMMINGS⁵, bapt. Aug. 2, 1719, in Topsfield; married, 1st, Nov. 22, 1744, Mary Andrews, of Boxford; married, 2nd, widow — Marston. He was of Topsfield as late as 1757, and some time afterwards removed to Bridgewater, N. H.

Children:

- i. MARY, b. Feb. 13, 1745-6.
- ii. JOHN, bapt. Sept. 13, 1747; d. Sept. 24, 1747.
- iii. JOHN, b. Feb. 8, 1748-9.
- iv. ANDREW, b. Feb. 8, 1748-9, died young.

- v. ISAAC, b. April 24, 1751.
- vi. ELISHA, b. Sept. 20, 1754.
- vii. NATHANIEL, b. Jan. 16, 1761; m. Mary Crawford.
- viii. HANNAH, ———.
- ix. ANDREW, ———.

20

JOSEPH CUMMINGS⁵, bapt. May —, 1722, in Topsfield; married, 1st, Nov. 20, 1744, Mary Hale, of Boxford; married, 2nd, March 21, 1758, Judith, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Perkins, of Topsfield. She died March 30, 1791, and he married, 3rd, June 21, 1791, widow Lucy Knowlton. He lived in Ipswich, in the westerly half of his father's homestead, and at the death of his grandmother, in 1770, acquired title to the entire hitherto undivided estate of his grandfather Isaac, the original "hundred acres" bequeathed by Ensigne Howlett. He died Oct. 24, 1801.

Children:

- 33. i. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 27, 1745. *See below (33).*
- ii. JONATHAN, bapt. July 26, 1747; d. June 13, 1752.
- iii. HANNAH, bapt. June 30, 1751; d. April 4, 1758.
- iv. MARY, bapt. Sept. 23, 1753; pub. July 7, 1776, Zebulon Smith, of Ipswich.
- 34. v. JONATHAN, bapt. Nov. 9, 1755. *See below (34).*
- vi. MEHITABLE, bapt. May 13, 1759; d. before 1795.
- 35. vii. ELIJAH, bapt. Sept. 27, 1761. *See below (35).*
- viii. AMOS, bapt. Dec. 25, 1763; pub. Dec. 13, 1783, Mercy Knowlton, of Ipswich. Lived in Marlborough, N. H., where he d. Aug. 8, 1843.

21

PELATIAH CUMMINGS⁵, bapt. Oct. 27, 1728, in Topsfield; married, 1st, Sept. 17, 1754, Sarah, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Kimball. She was born in Wenham, Dec. 23, 1732, and died in Topsfield, May 22, 1769. He married, 2nd, Nov. 8, 1770, Sarah Hammond, of Rowley. Lived in Ipswich, in one half of the homestead deeded him by his father in 1752, until July, 1757, when he conveyed his title to his brother Joseph, who owned the westerly half of the house, and removed to Topsfield. In 1786 he bought of

Rev. Joseph Cummings, his farm in Marlborough, N. H., and, removing there, died in 1803. His widow died May 1, 1808.

Children :

- i. JOHN, b. May 12, 1755 ; pub. May 25, 1777, Sarah Tenney, of Wenham, and settled in Barnard, Vt.
- ii. PELATIAH, bapt. March 12, 1758 ; d. Oct. 27, 1776.
A soldier in the Revolution.
- iii. LYDIA, b. April 24, 1760 ; m. Dec. 18, 1780, Hezekiah Hotchkins, of New Ipswich, N. H.
- iv. MEHITABLE, b. Feb. 28, 1762 ; m. Oct. 17, 1784, Stephen Adams, of Ipswich, and lived in Jaffrey, N. H.
- v. SARAH, b. Nov. 28, 1764 ; d. Feb. 1, 1778.
- vi. ISAAC, b. Jan 25, 1767 ; m. May 20, 1800, Betsey Emery, of Winchendon. Lived in Marlboro', where he kept a public house. 7 children ; d. Feb. 24, 1843, in Winchendon.
- vii. ABIGAIL, b. March 25, 1769 ; d. in Wenham, Jan. 23, 1770.
- viii. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 8, 1771 ; d. unm.
- ix. OLIVER, b. June 4, 1773 ; d. in the war of 1812.
- x. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 17, 1775 ; m. Stephen Benjamin, of Ashby, Mass.
- xi. BETSEY, b. March 24, 1778 ; m. Sept. 17, 1804, John Lummus, of Hamilton.

22

JOSEPH CUMMINGS⁵, born in Topsfield, July 27, 1713 ; published, Sept. 22, 1739, widow Martha Hodgkins, of Ipswich. Cooper.

Children :

- i. NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 22, 1740.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 28, 1743 ; m. Sept. 9, 1766, Walter Everden.
- iii. SARAH, b. Sept. 10, 1746.
- iv. MARTHA, b. June 28, 1749.

23

DANIEL CUMMINGS⁵, born in Topsfield, Dec. 4, 1724 ;

published Feb. 8, 1746-7, Mary Williams, of Ipswich. Was in the Louisburg expedition of 1745, under Capt. Thomas Pike.

Child:

- i. LUCY, b. Aug. 5, 1747.

24

JOHN CUMMINGS⁵, born in Topsfield, April 19, 1719; married, —, 1739, Mary Towne. Soldier in the French and Indian war, 1755. Lived in Middleton and Andover, and died in Andover, May 22, 1756.

Children:

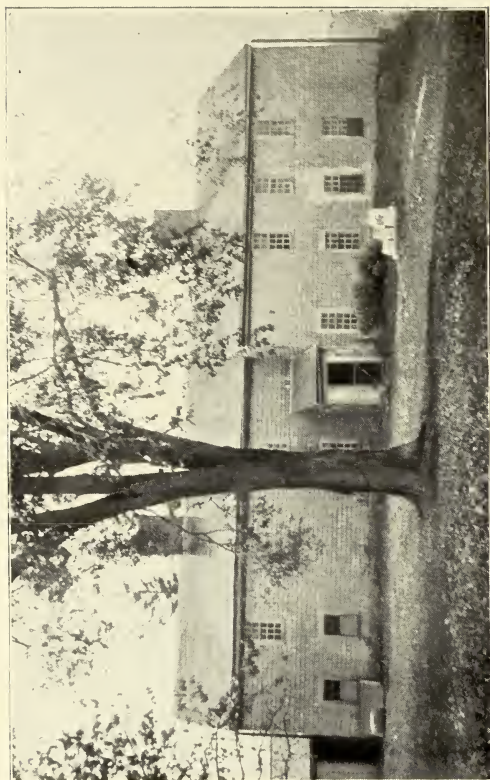
- i. JONATHAN, b. Feb. 13, 1739, in Middleton.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 5, 1743, in Middleton.
- iii. MARY, b. Dec. 28, 1745, in Andover.
- iv. MERCY, b. Dec. 28, 1745, in Andover.
- v. DAVID, bapt. May 30, 1756, in Andover.

25

JOSEPH CUMMINGS, born Feb. 5, 1733, in Middleton. He married, Sept. 11, 1753, Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew Alard, of Framingham, and lived in Southboro'. In 1767 he exchanged, with David Goddard, his home in Southboro' for a farm in Athol. This farm was lot 41 on the proprietors records, and is now located in Phillipston. He served as Corporal in Capt. Dexter's company, at Lexington. He also was at Bunker Hill, and in 1777 marched with the forces against Burgoyne. He held several town offices, and died Feb. 25, 1818.

Children:

- i. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 13, 1754; Revolutionary soldier.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 13, 1757.
- iii. JOHN, b. Aug. 13, 1759; Revolutionary soldier.
- iv. BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 8, 1764.
36. v. STEPHEN, b. May 8, 1766. *See below (36).*
- vi. DANIEL, b. May 20, 1768.
- vii. NATHAN, b. April 8, 1771.
- viii. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 2, 1773; d. Oct. 15, 1856. Lived in Orange, Mass.
- ix. SUSY, b. Jan. 7, 1778.



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37. x. DANIEL, b. Jan. 27, 1781. *See below (37).*

26

DAVID CUMMINGS⁵, born in Topsfield, March 26, 1729. He was published July 16, 1748, to Joanna Jones, of Boxford.

Children:

- i. EBENEZER, b. Sept. 21, 1749, in Topsfield.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 19, 1751, in Topsfield.
- iii. JOANNA, b. Nov. 27, 1752, in Middleton.
- iv. PHEBE, bapt. May 30, 1756, in Andover.

27

SAMUEL CUMMINGS⁵, born in Topsfield, Feb. 28, 1731-2. He married, April 25, 1756, Eunice, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Bradstreet. She was born April 15, 1733. Shortly after the death of her husband she removed to Andover with her family. She joined the South church, Andover, in 1798. Sometime after the marriage of her daughter Mehitable she went to Topsfield to live, where she died, July 20, 1811. Received by will, his father's homestead, which, in 1777, he sold to John Derby, of Salem, and removed to Andover the same year. In 1784 he returned to Topsfield, having purchased a farm of 162 acres, now known as the Batchelder farm, which, at his death, became his son David's share of the estate, the Andover property going to Samuel. Tradition has it, that at the time of his death, Samuel lived in Topsfield and David in Andover, and they were obliged to move, much to their disgust. He died in Topsfield, March (29-31), 1796.

Children:

- i. SARAH, b. March 27, 1759; pub. July 24, 1774, Francis Peabody, jr., of Middleton.
38. ii. DAVID, b. May 19, 1762. *See below (38).*
- iii. MEHITABLE, b. Aug. 31, 1767; m. April 23, 1799, Thomas Emerson, jr., of Topsfield.
39. iv. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 10, 1774. *See below (39).*

28

JONATHAN CUMMINGS⁵, born in Topsfield, Oct. 14, 1743;

married, 1st, Mary Eastman, of Pembroke. She died July 26, 1801, æ. 59, and he married, 2nd, Dec. 30, 1802, Mary, widow of James Parker. She died April 15, 1826, æ. 80. He was a soldier in the Revolution. Blacksmith. Lived in Andover. He died in 1805, according to the manuel of the South church, Andover.

Children :

- i. SARAH, b. May 21, 1767 ; m. April 13, 1788, David Gray, of Andover, and d. March 15, 1793.
- ii. MARY, b. Aug. 25, 1768 ; d. Sept., 1768.
- iii. An infant, b. — ; d. young.
- iv. JONATHAN, b. — ; m. Joanna Cole, of Gray, Me.
- v. STEPHEN, b. Jan. 12, 1773 ; d. in Portland. Physician. He m. Eleanor Hale.
- vi. MARY, b. Nov. 1, 1774 ; m. May 22, 1798, Solomon Holt, of Andover.
- vii. DANIEL, b. Dec. 6, 1776 ; d. June 25, 1778.
40. viii. DANIEL, b. Sept. 2, 1778. *See below (40).*
- ix. AMOS, b. July 2, 1781 ; m. Jan. 25, 1803, Abigail Judkins, of Andover. Lived in Norway, Me.
- x. BETTY, b. Oct. 13, 1783 ; m. Sept. 2, 1806, Barnard Douglas, of Portland, Me.
- xi. ABIATHA, b. Sept 22, 1786 ; d. Oct. 8, 1802.

29

THOMAS CUMMINGS⁶, born in Ipswich, Feb. 12, 1740-1. He married, 1st, April 26, 1763, Lois Boardman, of Topsfield. She died Dec. 6, 1792, and he married, 2nd, Sept. 3, 1797, Elizabeth Perkins, of Topsfield. She died Dec. 6, 1825. Lived with his grandfather, Capt. Joseph, until the death of the latter, in 1794, when he received by will all his real estate, including the "burying ground." He was a soldier in the Revolution. He died March 27, 1806.

Children :

- i. JONAS, b. Oct. 22, 1763 ; m. Aug. 16, 1787, Hepzibah Knowlton, and lived at the homestead. He d. Jan. 16, 1804.
- ii. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 14, 1765 ; d. before 1804.
41. iii. THOMAS, bapt. May 29, 1768. *See below (41).*

- iv. NATHANIEL, bapt. June 24, 1770. Blacksmith.
Lived in Salem.
- v. DANIEL, bapt. May 15, 1774.
- vi. JOHN BOARDMAN, bapt. May 4, 1777; m., 1st, Nov. 26, 1801, Rebecca Balch, of Topsfield; m., 2nd., (pub.) Jan. 26, 1804, Martha Knowlton, of Hamilton. He lived at the homestead until 1807, when he sold his share of the estate to his brother Thomas.

30

STEPHEN CUMMINGS⁶, born in Ipswich, Feb. 9, 1757; married, March 29, 1780, Deborah Peabody. She died Jan. 21, 1821, æ. 62. He died in Andover, April 16, 1797, æ. 40.

Children:

- i. WILLIAM PEABODY, b. July 28, 1782. Lived near Eastport, Me.
- ii. STEPHEN, b. March 14, 1784. Lived in Maine.
- 42. iii. CHARLES, b. March 29, 1787. *See below (42).*
- 43. iv. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 6, 1792. *See below (43).*
- v. DEBORAH GOULD, b. Oct. 19, 1794; d. Oct. 8, 1818.
- vi. SUSANNAH, b. Aug. 25, 1797; m. ——— Randall.

31

DANIEL CUMMINGS⁶, born in Ipswich, April 11, 1758; married, 1st, Feb. 28, 1782, Mary Dodge, of Boxford. She died March 10, 1824, and he married, 2nd, May 12, 1825, Lydia McAllister, of Marlboro', N. H. She died Dec. 29, 1856. Lived in Andover, with his widowed mother, during his early years. In 1787 he removed to Marlboro', N. H. Farmer. Deacon of the Baptist church in Pottersville, N. H. Died in Marlboro', Nov. 26, 1836.

Children:

- i. DANIEL, b. Feb. 26, 1783, in Andover, Mass.; d. Jan. 13, 1784.
- ii. DANIEL, b. Dec. 13, 1784; m. Dec. 5, 1815, Elizabeth Daggett. He d. in Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 30, 1852.
- iii. MARY, b. Feb. 10, 1787; d. Jan. 21, 1834.

- iv. JOHN, b. Oct. 29, 1789; m. Feb. 16, 1815, Elizabeth Emerson. Removed to Warren, N. Y., d. June 5, 1852.
- v. THOMAS, b. May 22, 1792; m. Dec. 5, 1820, Sarah Harvey; d. in Indiana, Feb. 8, 1844.
- vi. ANNA, b. Jan. 21, 1795; m., 1st, Nov. 6, 1821, Robert Fay, of Walpole, N. H.; m., 2nd, May, —, 1834, Alonzo Hubbard, of Walpole, N. H.; d. Jan. 31, 1841.
- vii. JOSEPH, b. June 19, 1798; m. ———, 1819, Hepzibah Robbins. Blacksmith.
- viii. ABRAHAM, b. May 15, 1801; m. March 20, 1817, Daphne Carter, of Roxbury, N. H.; d. Aug. 31, 1827.

32

ASA CUMMINGS⁶, born in Ipswich, Sept. 18, 1759; married, 1st, March 7, 1782, Hannah Peabody. She died at the birth of her ninth child, and he married, 2nd, May 25, 1797, Lydia Holt. Soldier in the Revolution. Emigrated to Albany, Me., in 1800, and died there Feb. 22, 1848. Was a prominent man in Albany and filled many important offices.

Children:

- i. ENOCH, b. Dec. 24, 1782. Lived in North Yarmouth, Me., and had two children.
- ii. ASA, b. April 4, 1784; d. Oct. 18, 1786.
- iii. HANNAH, b. Oct. 23, 1785; m. Sept. 29, 1814, Isaac Stevens, of Andover. Lived in Maine for a number of years, and died in North Andover in 1827.
- iv. SUSANNAH, b. April 29, 1789; m. May 1, 1826, Benjamin Mooar, of Andover. She d. by an accident, falling down stairs, July 5, 1868.
- v. ASA, b. Sept. 29, 1790; m., Oct. 1, 1821, Phebe Johnson, of Andover. D. D. Minister at North Yarmouth, Me., 1821-9; editor of the Christian Mirror, Portland, 1826-56; Harvard U., 1817; d. at sea June 5, 1856, while returning from Panama.
- 44. vi. JOHN, b. March 9, 1792. *See below (44).*

- 45. vii. FRANCIS PEABODY, b. April 25, 1793. *See below*
(45).
- viii. SARAH, b. Oct. 12, 1794; missionary to Burmah;
um.; d. of jungle fever. Baptist.
- ix. A child, b. Feb. 12, 1796; d. Feb. 13, 1796.
- x. LYDIA, b. May 28, 1798; m. Daniel Wheeler, of
Bethel, Me.
- xi. MARY, b. July 5, 1800, in Albany; m. Andrew
Merrill. Lived in Michigan.
- xii. SOPHIA, b. Dec. 19, 1802, in Albany; m. Marma-
duke R. Hutchinson, of Albany.
- xiii. STEPHEN, b. July 23, 1805, in Albany; m. Nancy
Frost, of Albany; d. March 28, 1863.
- xiv. HERMON, b. Jan. 20, 1808, in Albany; m. Char-
lotte Frost, of Albany; d. Sept. 13, 1882.
- xv. LEONARD, b. Feb. 2, 1812, in Albany; m. Mary
Pingree; d. July 25, 1878.

33

JOSEPH CUMMINGS⁶, born in Ipswich, Dec. 27, 1745. He married —, Anna Gove, who died in Topsfield, July 22, 1792, aged 38 years, and was buried in the "old burying ground" on the Cummings farm, where lie over one hundred of the early settlers in the locality. The Lamsons, Smiths, and Cummingses. But few stones now remain, and these are of recent date. It is surrounded by a high wall and overgrown with trees. Joseph Cummings graduated at Harvard Coll. in 1768. He studied divinity in Topsfield, probably with Rev. George Leslie, pastor of Linebrook church, who had several students, and in 1778 he removed to Marlboro', N. H., and became the first settled pastor of the Congregational church in that town, at a salary of \$133.33. Difficulties arose between pastor and people, and in Dec., 1780, he was dismissed from his charge, the church charging various matters of christian neglect, which were sustained at a council of ministers. He returned to Topsfield and is said to have gone to Ohio as the land agent of the Massachusetts Company. While on his way home from there, he was taken suddenly ill and returned to Marlboro', to the house of his

brother Amos, where he died Sept. 24, 1788.

Children:

- i. CHARLES, b. Sept. 23, 1777, in Seabrook, N. H. Baptist minister; organized several churches; m. Polly Hemenway and had 7 children; d. Dec. 27, 1849.
- ii. MARY, b. Aug. 31, 1779; m., Jan. 8, 1802, Capt. Jacob Batchelder, of Topsfield, who removed to Boxford in 1828, where she d. in 1873.
46. iii. CYRUS, b. July 30, 1782. *See below (46)*.
- iv. CYNTHIA, b. April 5, 1785; m. March 2, 1812, Simon Lane, of Sanbornton, N. H.
- v. SAMUEL, b. April 5, 1785; d. June 22, 1802, in Topsfield.
- vi. SOPHIA, b. ———; m. Daniel Story, of Portsmouth, N. H., where they afterwards lived.

34

JONATHAN CUMMINGS⁶, born in Ipswich. Baptized Nov. 9, 1755. Married, 1st, May 23, 1780, Elizabeth White, who died in Nov., 1797. He married, 2nd, Dec. 20, 1798, Lucy Kimball, of Wenham. Lived in the house demolished a few years ago by Eugene L. Wildes, which stood nearly opposite the Smith house, so called. It probably was built about 1780, at the time of Jonathan's marriage. He was a soldier in the Revolution.

Children:

- i. POLLY, b. Sept. 15, 1781; d. April 22, 1783.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. May 26, 1783.
- iii. LYDIA, b. Dec. 1, 1784.
- iv. ISAAC, b. Oct. 18, 1799.

35

ELIJAH CUMMINGS⁶, born in Ipswich. Baptized Sept. 27, 1761. He married, June 24, 1783, Eunice, daughter of William and Elizabeth Conant. She died in Topsfield, Dec. 13, 1813. He was executor of his father's will and received the homestead farm and personal property. He died March 27, 1842, aged 83 years.

Children:

- i. EUNICE, b. June 18, 1784; m. July 18, 1806, Moses Knowlton, of Hamilton.
- 47. ii. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 17, 1788. *See below (47.)*
- iii. JUDITH, b. Jan. 28, 1792; pub. March 12, 1815, Sylvester, son of David (33) Cummings.

36

STEPHEN CUMMINGS⁶, born in Southboro', Mass., May 8, 1766. He married May or Polly Brown, and lived in Phillipston, Mass.

Children:

- i. BETSEY, b. June 21, 1792; d. Dec. 20, 1819.
- ii. STEPHEN, b. Dec. 23, 1793; d. Oct. 17, 1820.
- iii. SUSAN, b. Nov. 18, 1795; m. Felton.
- iv. POLLY, b. Nov. 10, 1797; m. Dunton.
- v. LOUISA, b. —, 1800; m. King.
- vi. LAURA, b. April 28, 1802.
- vii. AMOS SMITH, b. Dec. 2, 1804; d. —, 1893.
- viii. CHARLES ADAMS, b. July 3, 1807; m., 1st, March 2, 1828, E. Rich, of Wellfleet, Mass. She d. Dec. 2, 1831, and he m., 2nd, Oct. 9, 1834, Sophronia Gregory, of Winchendon. She d. Jan. 9, 1839, and he m., 3d, — Bowler. Had children:—Mary Ann; George H.; Abby; Susan Maria and Anna Bradley. He was a teacher in Quincy, Mass., for many years, and d. Feb. 25, 1861.
- ix. FANNY ANN, b. June 23, 1803.
- x. AUGUSTA LORETTO, b. June 23, 1803.
- xi. JOSEPH BOYLE, b. Dec. 23, 1815.
- xii. FRANCIS HENRY, b. Dec. 11, 1819.

37

DANIEL CUMMINGS⁶, born in Athol Mass., Jan. 27, 1781. He left his home in Gerry, now Phillipston, Mass., in 1800, and settled in Orleans, Mass., where he married, Dec. 1, 1803, Lydia, daughter of Josiah Sparrow, of that town. He lived in that part of Orleans known as Tonset, and was prominent in town affairs. Was selectman fourteen years and representative to the General Court for seven years. He

died Dec. 3, 1857. His wife died July 26, 1872.

Children:

- i. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 17, 1804; d. Jan. 23, 1883.
- ii. SAMUEL SMITH, b. Nov. 25, 1806; d. July 4, 1822, at New Orleans, La.
- iii. JOSIAH SPARROW, b. Oct. 5, 1809; d. Feb. 23, 1810.
- iv. LUCY, b. Aug. 24, 1812; d. Dec. 13, 1892.
- v. JOSIAH SPARROW, b. Dec. 15, 1814; d. June 29, 1863, at West Newton, Mass.
- vi. BENJAMIN, b. Oct. 18, 1816; d. July 5, 1839, at Charleston, S. C.
- vii. DANIEL, b. Dec. 1, 1818.
- 48.viii. CALVIN, b. March 24, 1821. *See below (48).*
- ix. GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. May 26, 1824.
- x. LYDIA SPARROW, b. July 27, 1826; d. Aug. 27, 1826.
- xi. LYDIA SPARROW, b. July 23, 1828; d. Feb. 21, 1858.

38

DAVID CUMMINGS⁶, born in Topsfield, May 19, 1762. He married, Oct. 21, 1784, Mehitable Cave, of Middleton. She died in Middleton Oct. 10, 1831. In 1814 he gave land to enlarge the South Side Cemetery, and also built the wall about it. He died March 22, 1826.

Children:

- i. DAVID, b. Aug. 13, 1785; m., 1st, Aug. 13, 1812, Sally, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Porter, of Topsfield. She d. Feb. 2, 1814, of consumption, and he m., 2nd, Aug. 17, 1815, Catharine Kitt-ridge, of Andover. She d. in 1824, and he m., 3d, Oct. 17, 1825, Maria F. Kittridge, of Andover, sister of his 2nd wife. She d. Jan. 31, 1873. He graduated at Dartmouth College, 1806, and was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 1828-1855. Lived in Salem. He is well remembered for his eloquence at public meetings and in addresses to juries. Many distinguished men studied law in his office, among them being Ru-

fus Choate. He d. March 30, 1855, at Dorchester.

Children:

- i. *William*, b. ———; d. Sept. 3, 1814, æ. 19 mos.
- ii. *Francis*, b. May 17, 1816; d. Oct. 3, 1849.
- iii. *Catharine*, b. Aug. 23, 1818.
- iv. *Helen Franklin*, b. July 2, 1824; m. July 25, 1843, Edmund P. Tileston, of Dorchester.
- v. *Maria Susanna*, b. April 9, 1827; d. Oct. 1, 1866. Author of "The Lamp-lighter," "Mabel Vaughn," etc.
- vi. *Thomas Kittridge*, b. May 12, 1829; m. June 25, 1863, Mary A. Paschall, of St. Louis, Mo.
- vii. *Martha Ann*, b. Feb. 12, 1832.
- viii. *Horace*, b. April 4, 1834; d. April 14, 1856, in Dunbarton, Scotland.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 4, 1786; m. April 18, 1814, Samuel Hood, jr., of Topsfield, a mariner. She d. Sept. 15, 1863.
- iii. PAMELIA, b. Aug. 25, 1788; m. June 27, 1816, Allen Porter, brother of David's wife. She d. March 27, 1837.
49. iv. SAMUEL, b. July 7, 1790. *See below (49).*
- v. SYLVESTER, b. March 17, 1793; pub. March 12, 1815, Judith, daughter of Elijah (35) and Eunice Cummings. Had Hiram, b. Feb. 1, 1816, d. Feb. 2, 1816; Judith A., who m. Erastus Smith; Maria F., m. Stephen Peabody, of Boxford; lived in Newburyport, and had Mary, Maria and Samuel; Susan, who m. Dr. Wm. S. Thompson, of Newburyport, and lived in N. H. Sylvester Cummings received the Topsfield homestead as his share of his father's estate, where he lived until 1829, when he sold the farm to the Endicott family and removed to Bald Pate, in Georgetown. He d. April 17, 1860.

- vi. HIRAM, b. Nov. 20, 1794; d. Oct. 8, 1805.

39

SAMUEL CUMMINGS⁶, born in Topsfield, Sept. 10, 1774; married, Nov. 27, 1800, Lucy, daughter of Caleb and Lucy (Lovejoy) Abbott, of Andover. She died May 25, 1860, aged 76. He was killed by being thrown from his team, near his home, on July 8, 1816. Lived in Andover.

Children:

- i. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 29, 1801; d. unm. June 4, 1856, of typhus fever.
- ii. LUCY, b. Nov. 19, 1802; m., June 5, 1820, Joseph Richardson; d. Oct. 2, 1873, of paralysis.
50. iii. CHARLES, b. Jan. 15, 1804. *See below (50).*
- iv. ASENATH, b. March 19, 1805; m. March 4, 1823, George Richardson, of Chelmsford.
- v. MEHITABLE, b. May 4, 1806; unm., d. in Lawrence, 1874.
- vi. MARY ELIZABETH, b. March 8, 1812; m. Oct. 4, 1832, Nathan Abbott, of Charlestown, and d. Nov. 27, 1872. Her four sons were in the Rebellion, during the entire war. Two of them were afterwards killed in the great Boston fire of 1872.

40

DANIEL CUMMINGS⁶, born in Andover, Sept. 2, 1778; married, June 30, 1801, Hannah, daughter of Benjamin and Phebe (Chandler) Ames, of Andover. In 1832 his widow was granted a letter of dismission from the church in Andover to the church in Springfield, Vt. He had the title of "Major." He was a carpenter and erected many buildings in Andover, and removed to Bath, Me., before 1813. He died in 1827.

Children:

- i. DANIEL, b. April 21, 1804.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. May 20, 1807.
- iii. MARY EASTMAN, b. Dec. 22, 1811; m. Seth Paine.
- iv. SARAH, b. ———; m. Rev. Hiram Orcutt.
- v. HANNAH, b. ———; m. ——— Williams. Lived in Springfield, Vt.

41

THOMAS CUMMINGS⁷, born in Topsfield, was baptized March 29, 1768. He married, Jan. 4, 1798, Abigail Foster. Lived on the Capt. Joseph Cummings farm, which he sold, in 1819, to Samuel Bradstreet, who in turn sold to John and Reuben Smith.

Children:

- i. JONAS, b. June 9, 1798.
- ii. FOSTER, b. Aug. 23, 1800.
- iii. ASENATH, b. March 23, 1804.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. April 19, 1807.
- v. LOUISA, b. June 27, 1809.
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 21, 1811.

42

CHARLES CUMMINGS⁷, born in Andover, March 29, 1787; published Sept. —, 1808, to Hannah Eaton. Lived in East Andover, Me. Was married four times.

Children:

- i. STEPHEN OSGOOD, b. Feb. 21, 1810.
- ii. CHARLES, b. Jan. 14, 1812.
- iii. THERON JOHNSON, b. ———.

43

JOSEPH CUMMINGS⁷, born in Andover, Dec. 6, 1792; married, 1st, Dec. 19, 1815, Mary Plummer, of Londonderry, N. H., widow of Stephen Poor. She died Dec. 2, 1845, aged 63; married, 2nd, (pub. 1847), Phebe Foster, of Brentwood, N. H. She died May 2, 1886, aged 14. Was deacon in the Andover church, 1833, and was in charge of the Andover almshouse for many years. He lived in Hancock, N. H., at one time, and died in Andover, Oct. 10, 1860.

Children:

- i. JOSEPH HALE, b. June 15, 1816; m. Rebecca Whipple, of Hamilton. Had Clara, m. ——— Woodbury; Lilla, m. Frederick March, of Newton, Mass.
51. ii. CHARLES OSGOOD, b. June 29, 1818. *See below (51).*

- iii. ANN, b. June 27, 1820; m. Nov. 26, 1840, John T. Randall, of Haverhill. Had George; Sarah; Harriet, and John P.
- iv. HENRY, b. May 25, 1822; m. —, 1842, Eliza B. Farnham. Schoolmaster. Lived in Haverhill, Gloucester, etc. Had one daughter, Helen; m. Henry Freeman, of Chicago, Ill.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 11, 1826; m. —, Dr. Sidney Drinkwater, of Portland, Me. Had Louis and Joseph.

44

JOHN CUMMINGS⁷, born in Andover, March 9, 1792; married, 1st, ———, Abigail Libby; m., 2nd, Mrs. Laura Young. Lived in Albany, Me.

Children:

- i. LYDIA, b. Oct. 13, 1812; m. Waterhouse; had 13 children, all dying in infancy.
- ii. ASA, b. June 17, 1814; m. Sophia Green, and d. Dec., 1893.
- iii. JOHN, b. March 11, 1816; moved West, and d. in 1864.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. April 17, 1818; m. Sept. 15, 1839, Daniel G. Holt.
- v. ALBION PARRIS, b. June 9, 1820; d. —, 1894. Homeopathic physician. Lived in Wisconsin.
- vi. SARAH JOHNSON, b. Oct. 24, 1826; d. Sept. 20, 1828, in Andover.
- vii. SAMUEL JOHNSON, b. Dec. 31, 1828, in Andover; m. Ann Poor; d. Jan. 31, 1865.
- viii. PHEBE ANN, b. Sept. 9, 1831; m. Nathan Atkinson, of Canada.

45

FRANCIS PEABODY CUMMINGS⁷, born in Andover, April 25, 1793; married, during the winter of 1816-17, Lois Chamberlain, of Waterford, Me. She died Nov. 28, 1838, in Albany, Me., aged 43; m., 2nd, Mary Ann Frost, who died Jan. 20, 1848; m., 3d, Hephzibah Holt, of Bethel, Me., who

outlived him. Served in the war of 1812. He died Sept. 14, 1863, in Albany, Me.

Children:

52. i. AARON, b. Sept. 11, 1819. *See below (52).*
- ii. LYDIA CHAMBERLAIN, b. Oct. 12, 1821; m. Thomas Green, of Waterford, Me.
- iii. LOIS BARRETT, b. —, 1823.
- iv. EPHRAIM CHAMBERLAIN, b. Sept. 2, 1825; m. Anne Pomeroy, of Portland, Me. Clergyman; d. Dec. 14, 1897.
53. v. DANIEL, b. March 13, 1828. *See below (53).*
- vi. PERSIS BARTLETT, b. July 18, 1830; d. Jan. 10, 1848.
- vii. BRAINARD, b. Feb. 24, 1833; m. Nov. 22, 1864, Sarah H. Holt, of Albany, Me. No children. Lives in Andover. Was a soldier in the Rebellion.
- viii. SARAH, b. Oct. 9, 1835. City missionary, at Worcester, Mass.
- ix. LEWIS FRANCIS, b. Nov. 1, 1843. Lawyer. Chicago. Civil war veteran.
- x. MARY ANN, b. Feb. 8, 1846; unm.; lives in Bethel, Me.

46

CYRUS CUMMINGS⁷, born July 30, 1782. He married, May 25, 1809, Susanna, daughter of Moses and Susanna Wildes. She died Jan. 7, 1852. Followed the sea in his earlier years, and afterwards kept the famous Topsfield Hotel, on the Newburyport and Boston Turnpike. He was prominent in town affairs, at various times holding all the principal offices within the gift of the town. He died April 26, 1827, aged 45.

Children:

- i. SUSAN, b. Aug. 20, 1810; m., April 6, 1859, Rev. Martin Moore, of Boston, for many years editor of "The Congregationalist."
- ii. MARY ANN, b. May 16, 1813; m. July 9, 1833, Benjamin P. Adams, of Topsfield. She d. May 15, 1840.

- iii. CYRUS, b. Nov. 24, 1816; m. Adeline D. Stevens, of Boston. Attorney-at-law; d. Jan. 26, 1886.
- iv. CATHARINE, b. April 21, 1819; d. Feb. 20, 1820.
- v. HUMPHREY, b. Feb. 27, 1822; m. Mary H. Stevens, of Boston; d. Aug. 9, 1874, in Boston.

47

WILLIAM CUMMINGS⁷, born in Topsfield, Jan. 17, 1788. He was published March 25, 1815, to Sarah, daughter of Benjamin and Martha (Perley) Scott, of Ipswich. She died Aug. 17, 1878, æ. 86. Farmer. He built the house now standing on the Cummings farm. Was known as "Captain," being commissioned Captain in the militia Sept. 19, 1821. Was selectman for many years. He died Oct. 10, 1868.

Children:

- i. WILLIAM PERLEY, b. April 7, 1817; pub. April 4, 1841, Mary C. Dodge, of Hamilton. He d. Aug. 12, 1842. Had, Sarah Elizabeth, b. ———; m., Jan. 23, 1862, Augustus Blaney; had, Mary A., b. June 9, 1864, d. ———, 1889; Francis B., b. Aug. 21, 1866, m. Sadie Hooker; Almira A., b. Oct. 4, 1874, and Jenney S., b. Oct. 14, 1878.
- 54. ii. ALFRED, b. May 28, 1823. *See below (54).*
- iii. ALMIRA, b. Dec. 11, 1828; m., June 10, 1880, Samuel Todd, of Topsfield.

48

CALVIN CUMMINGS⁷, born in Orleans, Mass., March 24, 1821; married, Nov. 25, 1848, Mary Frances, daughter of James Freeman, of Orleans. He followed the sea from the age of nine years until the time of his marriage, when he became a carpenter. About 1855 he removed to Kankakee, Ill., where he lived until 1872, when he returned to Orleans, and died there Sept. 25, 1872.

Children:

- i. ARTHUR RICHMOND, b. April 1, 1854, at Orleans.
- 55. ii. CHARLES FREEMAN, b. July 31, 1858, at Kankakee. *See below (55.)*
- 56. iii. WILLIAM FREEMAN SPARROW, b. May 9, 1863, at Kankakee. *See below (56).*

49

SAMUEL CUMMINGS⁷, born in Topsfield, July 7, 1790. He was published, July 17, 1825, to Joanna Andrews, of West Gloucester. She was born Feb. 28, 1805, and died March 26, 1875. Received from his father, by will, the Cave property in Middleton. He was for many years a successful teacher, and was commonly called "Master Sam." He died Sept. 9, 1860, and was buried in the South Side Cemetery, Topsfield.

Children:

- i. DAVID, b. June 24, 1827, in Middleton; m., July 28, 1852, Olive C. Ross, of Danvers.
- ii. SAMUEL AUGUSTUS, b. Nov. 4, 1829, in Middleton; m., Aug. 9, 1859, Julia A. Perley, of Boxford, and had Julia Augusta, b. Nov. 26, 1860.
- iii. CHARLOTTE PORTER, b. Dec. 30, 1832, in Middleton. Died of scarlet fever, March 21, 1853, on the eve of her marriage.
- iv. SYLVESTER, b. Nov. 20, 1835, in Wenham; m., Aug. 2, 1861, Mary Jane Otis. Had, Nellie F., b. July 11, 1862, and William, b. Nov. 18, 1869. Lived in Chicago. Died in Springvale, Me., Sept. 22, 1890.
- v. PORTER EMERSON, b. July 6, 1839, in Topsfield; m., June 13, 1863, Emily Ferguson, of Springvale, Me. Had, Mary Emily, b. March 26, 1864; Florence Amelia, b. Sept. 1, 1866; David Porter, b. May 25, 1869; John Murray, b. June 20, 1880. Lives in Dorchester.
- vi. JOANNA PAMELIA, b. Oct. 17, 1841, in Topsfield; d. March 26, 1875.

50

CHARLES CUMMINGS⁷, born in Andover, Jan. 14, 1804; married, ———, Mary Russell Eames, of Bethel, Me. She died Jan. 28, 1888, aged 74. Was a peculiar man. Willed his entire estate to the town of Andover, cutting off his wife and grandchild without a cent. The town waived all claims and the widow occupied the property. Farmer. Lived in

Andover. Died of paralysis at the Worcester Hospital, April 12, 1873.

Children:

- i. MARTHA, b. ———; d. March 8, 1850, of scarlet fever, æ. 10 years.
- ii. Mary Emily, b. ———, 1842; m. Nathan Foster, who was b. in Norway, Me. She d. of consumption, Sept. 24, 1864. Lived in Andover.
- iii. A son, b. Oct 3, 1843; d. young.

51

CHARLES OSGOOD CUMMINGS⁸, born in Andover, June 29, 1818; married, 1st, ———, Abigail W., daughter of Simon and Clarissa Locke, of Newmarket, N. H. She died July 13, 1886, aged 62, and he married, 2nd, March 22, 1892, widow Augusta C. Stevens, daughter of Willard and Henrietta M. (Sheldon) Symonds, of Middleton. He was a farmer, and for many years was in charge of the Andover almshouse. He died in Andover, Sept. 14, 1898, having had no children, but leaving an adopted daughter, Blanche L. Cummings.

52

AARON CUMMINGS⁸, born in Albany, Me., Sept. 11, 1819; married, March 1, 1866, Lydia A., daughter of Asa and Lydia Sawyer, of Methuen. She was a school teacher. He taught school between 1847 and 1855, in Maine, N. H., and Mass., afterwards residing in Andover, Mass., and became a farmer.

Children:

- i. LOUISA MARCELLA, b. June 30, 1869. Lives in Andover.
- ii. ARTHUR GRAY, b. Feb. 12, 1872. Harvard Coll., 1894. Principal of Hubbardston High School.
- iii. FLORENCE LEVINA, b. Oct. 9, 1874. Lives in Andover.

53

DANIEL CUMMINGS⁸, born in Albany, Me., March 13, 1828; married, May 2, 1854, Hannah A., daughter of Moses W.,

and Lydia Holt, of Albany, Me. He died Jan. 11, 1896, in Andover.

Children:

- i. LUELLA A., b. Aug. 13, 1855, in Manchester, N. H.; m., Oct. 8, 1879, Frederick O. Perry, and lives in Wakefield, Mass.
- ii. LYDIA, b. Dec. 6, 1860; d. April 21, 1863.

54

ALFRED CUMMINGS⁸, born in Topsfield, May 28, 1823. He married, April 18, 1847, Salome M., daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann (Stevens) Welch, of Hamilton. She died March 31, 1894, æ. 69. Farmer.

Children:

57. i. WILLIAM SCOTT, b. Dec. 26, 1848. *See below (57).*
58. ii. GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. Oct. 8, 1850. *See below (58).*
- iii. MARTHA STEVENS, b. March 30, 1853; m., March 28, 1888, Norman McLeod, of Topsfield.
- iv. ABBY JANE, b. March 25, 1854; m., Jan. 20, 1875, William Porter Gould, of Topsfield. He d. May 18, 1897, leaving one child, Allen Porter, b. March 6, 1882.
- v. LAURA ANNA, b. Oct. 15, 1857; m., Dec. 14, 1898, Ira Perley Long, of Topsfield.
- vi. SARAH BURGESS, b. April 25, 1859; m., April 24, 1881, Ephraim P. Ferguson, of Topsfield. She d. Oct. 16, 1895, leaving one child, Eva Burgess, b. July 19, 1883.
- vii. HANNAH EVA, b. April 2, 1863; m., Nov. 30, 1882, Samuel G. Goodhue, of Hamilton. Had Hattie Alice, b. Sept. 6, 1885.
- 59.viii. CHARLES ARTHUR, b. Feb. 20, 1870. *See below (59.)*

55

CHARLES FREEMAN CUMMINGS⁸, born in Kankakee, Ill., July 31, 1858. He married, June 20, 1888, Eleanor Emma, daughter of William Boyd, of Ayershire, Scotland. He is a printer, and lives in Cambridgeport, Mass.

Children:

- i. MARGARET ELEANOR, b. May 20, 1889, in Cambridge.
- ii. DOROTHY QUINCY, b. Aug. 26, 1892, in Quincy, and d. Aug. 31, 1895.

56

WILLIAM FREEMAN SPARROW CUMMINGS⁸, born in Kankakee, Ill., May 9, 1863. He married, June 18, 1891, Cordelia Johnston, daughter of James M., and Jane A. (Fowler) French, of Cambridge. Lives at Quincy, Mass. Travelling salesman.

Children:

- i. DORIS ESTELLE, b. Jan. 17, 1894, in Quincy.

57

WILLIAM SCOTT CUMMINGS⁹, born in Topsfield, Dec. 26, 1848; married, 1st, April 25, 1870, Aurelia Maria, daughter of Maurice and Nancy P. (White) Webber, of Wenham. She died Feb. 12, 1890, and he married, 2nd, May 1, 1892, Margaret L. Mullin. Lives in Swampscott. Farmer.

Children:

- i. MARY LOUISE, b. Sept. 24, 1871; m. Sept. 11, 1895, Francis T. Glavin. Had, Grace E., b. April 3, 1896; William F., b. April 19, 1897, and Florence M., b. Jan. 22, 1899.
- ii. WILLIAM IRVING, b. Feb. 20, 1873; m., Nov. 28, 1898, Florence M. Conley.
- iii. PERLEY LESTER, b. Feb. 8, 1875; m., Nov. 1, 1897, Julia Perkins. Had, George W., b. Sept. 10, 1898, and Edwin P., b. Sept. 12, 1899.
- iv. LAURA ISABEL, b. Nov. 4, 1876; d. April 15, 1877.
- v. NANCY PORTER, b. Feb. 25, 1878; d. April 12, 1878.
- vi. ALFRED PERCY, b. Sept. 3, 1879.
- vii. ANNIE, b. Feb. 26, 1893.
- viii. FRANCIS SCOTT, b. Feb. 23, 1895.
- ix. HELEN CATHARINE, b. July 25, 1896; d. Nov. 1, 1896.
- x. ALICE SALOME, b. Sept. 5, 1897.
- xi. GERTRUDE ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 17, 1898.

58

GEORGE WASHINGTON CUMMINGS⁹, born in Topsfield, Oct. 8, 1850; married, —, Nellie M., daughter of Moses Chapman. Lives in Lynn. Carpenter.

Children:

- i. MABEL A., b. Jan. 28, 1876.
- ii. HARRY RAYMOND, b. Oct. 22, 1890.

59

CHARLES ARTHUR CUMMINGS⁹, born in Topsfield, Feb. 20, 1870; married Elizabeth Bell, daughter of Frank and Mary (Flaharty) Merrill, of Wenham. Lives in Wenham. Employed by the B. & M. Railroad.

Children:

- i. ARTHUR MERRILL, b. March 3, 1891.
- ii. ERNEST FARNKLIN, b. Dec. 6, 1892; d. May 19, 1893.
- iii. ANNIE FLORENCE, b. June 9, 1894.

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Page 9. Eleventh line from the bottom of the page. Strike out the words, *situated in the vicinity of*, so that it shall read—*The farm was the present Alfred Cummings homestead.*

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

The subscriber offers for sale, that excellent Farm, situated in Topsfield, on a beautiful eminence about one mile east of the hotel, being the same that was lately owned by Dubley Bradstreet deceased. Said Farm contains about ninety two acres in the homestead, and in point of soil is not inferior to any in that fertile town. There is also a large two story House, two good barns, and other out buildings; two good wells of Water, and otherwise well watered; it is well fenced into lots, with that most substantial fence, stone wall—there is a unit a large orchard of good fruit, now in a bearing state.

There are also about twenty acres of good meadow and wood land, situated within about half a mile. Also, about two acres of good peat meadow, situated near—all in Topsfield.

Also, six acres of good marsh, and one half of a pasture containing about thirty acres in all, situated in Ipswich.

The whole will be sold together and possession given the first of April next; or the owner will reserve the Ipswich land, as best suits the purchaser. It will be sold for a reasonable price, and terms of payment made easy.

For further particulars enquire of

JOHN BRADSTREET.

Danvers, June 29, 1835.

[*Salem Gazette.*]

BOXFORD TOWN RECORDS, 1685-1706.

[The original record, of which this is a copy, is entirely in the handwriting of Capt. John Peabody, the first town clerk and school-master of Boxford.]

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[1] Refaiued of the Conitabul of Boxford Robert ftielf the fum of twanty fhillingf in Silver which munny was dew a pon an a grement from the towen of boxford to the towen of Rowly for the year 1685 af doth a pear by an a grement mad by both towens bearing Date the seventh of July 1685. I faye refaivad by me daniel wicom fen^r this fierft day of Juen in the year 1686.

witnes John pabody.¹
John pearsons.¹

Daniell Wicom¹

At a Lawfull and a Genarall meeting of the inhabetane of Rowly velig the 18 of may 1685 it was a greead a pon and voted by the a boue faid inhabetane that Abraham Radington sen^r fhall Cary a petefion to boston and enter it in to the Genarall Coart in the name of the a bove faid velig to desier the Genaral Court to grant the a bove f^d vileg to bee a Town and the Court a Cordingly granted that the velig should bee a town by them felves and ordered the Velig to a gree with Rowly whear the bounds of the Velig bee between Rowly and the Velig as attest John pebody

and a Cordingly the velig fent Six men to a gree with Rowly whear the lien should Run to devid between Rowly and the Velig and thoes Six men did Consent that it should be as it is now steated this sevanth of July 1685.

af attest John pebody who was one of the Commety

Lick wies the Commety of Rowly would not free the

¹ Autographs.

Velig (until they gave) to Rowly thaier proportion of the ministars Reat yearly (until) they Shall obtain a minnister for them selues and in stead of the wholl they haue agreed to tack twenty Shillings by the year teall the Velig maintaien a minnester a mong themselves which doth free us from all other Reats for time to come in the Town of Rowly as attest John peabody one of the men

[2] At a lawful town meeting held in Boxford the . . . by the town of Boxford it was then agreed on and voted that a Highway from Andover bounds to Topsfield along by Joseph Bixbes hows and also a nother waye from Zachaeus Cortices hous to this a bove faid high waye or road way a long by the Works threw Abel Langlyes farm also from the Workes a long by the South sied of the plain and fo to John Stielses and fo in to this a boue faid waye and so from all other places that the men that fhall be Chosen shall see needful for to bee layed out for the ves of the town in genaral so as to doe af littel damig at conueniantly may bee the men Chosen for this seruis bee af foloweth: thair names be Abraham Radington Senr John Pearly Samuel Simonds Mosef Tiler fenr and John Peabody fenr these fiue men Chosen or anney three of them a greeing with the men that the hy waies shal ly threw thair land shall be a Ualewed act what thay do not, and it is also a greed a pon by the towen that this Commety or others for high waies fhall giue accordingly notis to all persons that thay doe lay anney hy waye threw thair lands to be thare: it is also further a greed that when the hy ways is to bee layed therew anney men or mans land that al waies such men or man Shal haue af much power in ordering wher the way Shal gooe af anney on of the Commety tell it bee gone threw his land the way from Andouer to Topsfild is to bee an open way all a long therew the Town not to be inCombrad with gates or bars

23 of nouembr 86 the Commety a bove Chosen to lay out high waies in order to thair work layed out a hy waye from mapel medow by John pebodyes hous and fo a long to Topsfeld Comman land in Bear hill plaien doing af letal damag af may bee and it doth lye a long in the ould path to John Andrusenf Slow and fo af near the hilly ground on the left hand as Can Conveniently bee layed to

the nex Slow and then Stil by the hilles to Thomas andrusel bearn and so to Crean broock along the ould path waye to Topsfild land this way is to bee the open hy waye af if aboue menfioned

The Commety a boue faid layed out a way from goodman boswels therew goodman Radingtons pastuer to John Stiles barn and so along to the workes on the South Sied of the plaien and so along to zecheus Cortises bearn al so the Commety did also a gree to lay out a way therew Abel Langlyes farm by the workf to the maien Road way af a boue: as letal to the damig of the farm af may bee yelding to thair Conuenency af much as possible

Abell Langly did freely Consent that thay should lay a high waye therew his farem af if a boue [recorded] af attest John pebody one of the committee and Clark that was ordered to record what was done hear in: John pebody towen Clark

[3] At a legal Towne meting hild in Boxford the * day of March 1687.

Sargent Bixbe was Chofen modarator for the presant meeting

first the Towne choes .5. Selact men for the year infewing and ther names be as foloweth John Peabody fener william Wotfon daniel wood John Andrews Abraham Radington Juner Votad

.2. the Town Choef william Pabody Constabul for the year in fewing voted

.3. Thomas Radington Thomas hazan Jofaph Andrusel be Chofen Survaiers.

.4. the Towne mead an order that all Swien with in the Town a boue .3. monthes ould shal be wringed from the medil of march to the first of november yerly a pon the panilty of six pence a weeck for every Swien that shal be found a pon the Comen with out a wring in his noes and half the mony so forfited shal be for the finder & the other half shal be for the ves of Towne: Votad

.5. the Towne mead an order that all Rambf with in the Towne shal be Capt up or sofesiantly yacked from the first of awgust to the furst of novembr a pon the penilty of Sixpence a tiem that any Rambe Shal be found doing damig be payed to the owner of the Sheep whear he doth the damig: Votad

·2· July ·87· the Select men of this Towne of Boxford have leat the parsonag medow to Thomas hazen and daniel wood this presant year for Six shillings to be payed in Coren to the Cunstabl for the Ves of the Towne

At a legal Town meting hild in boxford the 19th of Augost 1687

frist the Town Choes Sargent Bixbe madarator for the presant meting

·2· John Pearly Commesenor to Joyen with the Select men in a sasing the Towne a Cording to the honarad Trafurerf warent. votad by the Town

·3· william foster if Chosen to keep an ordenary for the Towne voted

also John pebody if Chosen to goe to Rowly to Search the Towne boock abought the lien of Topsfild

At a lawful Towne meting hild in Boxford the 5th of September ·87·

frist the Town Choes Abraham Radington Sener modarator for the meting

·2· the Towne Choef ·3· men to be a Commety for the Town to heelp the Select men in making the Reat af fuen af they Cean geat light to by and al so to answer for the Townf neglacting in not doeing ther duty a Cording to the honarad Trefurarf warent and to give the Refous of ther so doing Thinking it bater to doe nothing at presant then to go by geaf without [anything] to Reat by: also that william fosters hous shal be the place of meting teal the Town Chouef a nother plac

The 12th of June in ·88· the Select men of Boxford met to hear of the pooer & did order daniell Black Juner to help his father af much af hee head need of in hay time & to give a Count of it to the Select men.

The 8th of Jenewary ·88/9· the Select men had a meeting mead a Reat of a bought eaight pound to bee paied in silver for to purches amenition for a touen Stock and have ordered Moser Tiler & Thomas pearly & Thomas Andrusf & * * * * for to Gather the a bove Saied Reat & to lay it out in both poudr & bullets and flents a Cording to

[4] * * * ¹ daniel Ames leaft his wief in a pooer

¹ This record should probably be dated Nov. 4, 1693.

and helples Condesion and winter Came on She mead her Complant to the Selact men for healp: the Selact men of Boxford for the present year John pebody John Chadwick daniell wood Zacheus Curtes and josaph bixbee Jun: who being senfabel that thair waf no esteat to be had and for the present to Releue her and hir Children: did perswade John pebody on of the Selact men to Refaive hir in to his howf and *and* afford hir such nefasary Releef af fhee stood in need of and hir Children teall the Selact men or Town should tack further Cear in desposing of hir and hir Children this .4th. of november .93. Thus fear the Selact men have dun af thair duty for the time being af attest John pebody Clark of the Selact men and Town Clark

[5] Boston .27. Novembr .1688. Refaived of m^r John hares on a Count of Thomas Pearly Contabul of the Townen of Boxford Eleven pound Seven shillings and 10^d in full for the Contry Reat of that Town for Jo * Vsher Tresurer pr Michall Perrey this is a trew Copey of the Trafurers Refaight af a teast John Peabody Clark for the Town Ipswich .13. may .1696. then Refaived of daniel wood Constable of Boxford 01^l — 18^s — 6^d for the County in .95. by mee John Appelton trefurer

this is a trew copey as at east John peabody

Att a Lawfull Town meting hild in Boxford the .21. of may .1688.

The Town Choes John Peabody moderator for that meting by a voat.

.2. the Town Choes .6. men for Selact men for y^e year in sewing by a voat and thair names be af foloweth John Chadduck Thomas Andrus daniell wood Thomas hazen Abraham Radington Juner and John Peabody sener Votad

.3. John Pearly for a Commefiner for the year in sewing by a Voat:

.4. Thomas Pearly is Chosen Constabull for the year in sewing by a Voat

At a meeting of the Selact men of Boxford the 16th of faberary .1689: thay proporfined the minnisterf Reat and also mead a town Reat to be payed in mony to discharg the Towns deats for that year

At a lawfull Town meting hild in Boxford the .24. of June .89. the Town Choes John Perley fener to bee the Constabul for the year in fewing by a Vote: also the Choies of the Selact men bee af foloweth: .1. Corporall Josaph Bixbe .2. Coporall Thomas hazen .3. william foster fener .4. Jofaph Andrus .5. william peabody

also: Nathaniell Brown Jofaph Pebody John Buswell Robard Ames for farvayers for the year in fewing

At a lawfull Town meting hild in Boxford the .24. of June .1689.

The Town Choes John pearly fener and Samuel Simonds Sener to bee the representatives for the folowing part of this Summer or tel a nother bee chosen only thay bee not to Sarve but one at a tiem and not to Consent to Set up any government Contrary to Charter preveliges:

[7¹] At a Towne meting hild in Boxford may the 6th 1689 the Town Choes John Pebody fener to bee a representetive for the Towne and to Carey thear minds to the Counfel of fifty Relating to the fetelment of gouernment: and the Townes miends bee Signified in thes folouing liens: towet: wee the free houelders and in habetanc of the Towne of Boxford being vary fensabul of and thankfull to god for his great marcies to us in delivering vs from the Tiereny and opresion of thes ill men vndr whoes Iniustes & Cruelty we have so long groned with all Rending our harty thanks to thoes so worthy & honerabul Jentilmen who have been Jugaged in foe good and nacesary a worck as the Confarvation of our peace sine that Revelution yet being also apprehancive of the many in Conveniencies and hazerds of the present vnsetelment of our affaiers doe declare that we doe expect that our honerad gouerner & dapety governer and asistanc Elacted & Sworn by the free men of this Colony in May 1686 to gather with the dapetyes then sent dauen by the Respective Townes to the Cort the[n] haulden and which was never legally defolved shall Come and Reasuem and exarcies the gouernment as a general Cort a Cording to our Charter on the nienth day of may in Sewing nex & in So doing wee doe hear by promis and ingage to aied and asist

¹ Page 6 is blank.

them to the vtmost of our power with our persons and estates praying god to gied them in the manigment of our ardeous affaiers and wee doe hope that all thoes that are Trew frends to the peace and prosparety of this land will Radely and hartely Joyen with vs hear in voted by the Towne.

At a lawfull Town meting hild in Boxford June 3^d. 1689 in answer to an order sent from the honerad president and Councell of Seafty of the peepol and Conseruation of the peece the Town of Boxford haue Chosen John Pebody sener and Thomas Pearly fener to bee thair representatives teell the gouerment shall bee seatled only they bee to sarve but on at a time : and not to Consent to feet vp aney government Contrery to our Charter preveliges and also to Concur with the other representetiues of this Colony which aer to meet at boston on the fifth day of this enstant June : as a teast John Pebody Clark

At a Towne meting hild in Boxfor[d] the .3rd. of June 1689 : it was voted that the selact men of Boxford shoueld leat the pasenag medow this presant year and a Cordingly the Selact men have dun for Seven Shilli[n]gs this year .89.

At a lawfull Town meting hild in Boxford the .12. of defembr : 89

the Town Choes Enfien John Pearly and quartermaster Thomas Pear* and Corperal Thomas Andrus to goe to Rowly fume tiem this winter and to inquire of the town of Rowly if thear bee any agreement between Rowly and Topsfel or Epswich Concerning thair lien between Rowly and Topsfeld from quartermaster Pearlyes to epswich Revar

also John Pebody sener and Ensien John Pearly Corperal Thomas Andrus Robert Ames sener Corperal Josaph Bixbe Josaph Andrus be Chosen to steat the lien between Topsfeld and Boxford this next Aprell and mack return to the town

[8] allfo At a lawfull Town meting hild in Boxford the .12. of desembr 89 the Town Voted that thoes men in boxford that doe hear the word despenced at Topsfeld fhall paye this year .15. pound fue of it in Siluer to the ministre and the Rast of the Town that goe to Andovar

and bradferd to hear Shall paye proporsanabally whear they doe hear voted by the Town :

At a Lawful Town meting hild in Boxford the .11. of march 89/90 Ephraam Cortes is Choes to be thaier Conftabul for the year in fewing : Voting .2. thaier felact men and thaier names be af foloweth : John Peabody fen Nathaniell Browen Josaph Pebody Senr : Thomas Radington Thomas Pearly Senr Voted Mosis Tiler is chofen for to farve a pon the Juryes of trials and John Andruf to be thair grand Juryes for the year in fewing : the naems of the furvaiers be as foloweth : John Chadduck Epharaham Smith william Peabody and gorg Bixbe and John Stiels : be Chosen for Sarvaiers for this year enfewing it is alfo voted that the Selact men Shall let the parsoneg farm for this year in fewing : Voted

allfo John Pebody fener and Thomas perly fener be chofen for dapeties to Saerve at the genaral Coart this next year in fewing or tell fum other bee Choesen and thay be to faerve but on at a tiem and alfo to give an a Couent to the Commety what nafesity ther is of thaier going from tiem to tiem and alfo to have thaier advice whether to gooe or not and when thay Shall gooe : the Commety a boue Said bee Abraham Radington fener and Josaph Bixbe fener to gather with the felact men which the Town Choes for a Commety for that end voted alfo the Town haue a greead and voted to give Six Shillings a weeck to the Souldiars in Contry paye that wear sent to the eastward vndr fr edman Andros for all the tiem thay wear gon from thaier feuairell boems prouided that thay will giue undr thaier hands in writing to return to the town of Boxford as much paye as thay Shall refaiue if the Contry doe at any tiem after thyer refaving our paye giue them paye for thair faruis undr fur edmon Andrus and in fo doing the Town doth order the selact men to a fess the Town a Cording to the beast of thar light & if nobody bring in bills thay be to goe by the ould Reats movd this year Voted it is to be vndrstod that thay be to keep as much of our mony with what thay fhall resaive of the Contry as ihall fully pay them for thar tiem as others the Souelders aboue said be Ephariam Smith .17. weecks John Tiler .20. weecks : Jonathan foster .4.

weeeks : and in witnes to the a boue Said we have Seat
two ovr hands this 13th of April 1690

Ephraim Smith¹

Mofis Tiler fener¹

Jonathan foster¹

[9] At a Lawful Towne meting hild in Boxford the
1* of march .90/1 the Town Choes Corperal Josaph Bixbe
Conftabul for the year in sewing .2 Enfien John pearly
quartermatter Tiler Corperal Thomas Andrus Samuel Si-
monds Corperal Kimbal Selact men for the year infewing
voted .3 william watfon Robart Ames Juner Jonathen
Bixbe John Andrus Seruears for the year infewing voted
.4 the Towne Voted to Send fume men (namly
John pebody and John hu*) to the Cort at bofton to pete-
fian the General Cort for an a beatment apou the doun-
ing the Towne in the ton Reats and two and a half in
mony ÷ thay finding them felus ouer dumed

.5 and for all the damig that fhall come a pon the Se-
lact men for not laying the miftacken mony the Towne
haue votet to bear it by a town Reat

.6 that every foulder in the town fhall geet him felf
two pound of powdr a peece and bullets and flints pro-
porfanabul Voted by the Town :

.7 that Corparel Thomas Andrus is Chozen Clark of
the marcet to fee that all mesuers bee Capt in good order
a Cording to the ftandard

.8 that Gorg Black and wedow Andrus and Aiter
Cary fhall not bee Reated by any felact men teal the Town
giue ordr (that is to Say) : not in our towne : Voted

The Selact men of Boxford mead the twenty Reats in
the year .90 and mead them .4^l—10^s—00 moer then the
warent did requier and thay haue orderad Epharam Cor-
tes Conftabull to pay to Rowly twenty fhillings as mony
and John pebody fener and Thomas pearly fener bee to
have the other .3 pound and to laye it out in poudr and
shot for the vs of the Town as fueen af Conueniantly thay
Cean and to giue an a Count to the Town of thaier doing
hearin

15 defembr .91 at a Lawful Town meting hild in

¹ Autographs.

Boxford the Town Chof Samuel Simonds moderator ·2· the Town Chos Enſien John pearly and Corporal Thomas Andrus Colecters for this year ·91· to gather the minestars Rates and to gather vp the arearf for that which is behind of all the menisters Reats formerly to this year

·3· the Town Voted to paye to the minestre of Topsfel this yer 15 pounds one third of it in Siluer mony

·4· that the Last Twesday in fabewary next in fewing is a point[ed] a daye for to Choues a Commety for to Steat a pleac for to fet [the] meting houes in and other nafefary oCatiens if the Towne approve of it

·5· the Town Choes sum men to Join with the Commety of melety to aduies with them concerning men who ihall goe out to war from tieme to time and to inJage with them in that a faier : and thair names be John Andros and daniel wood troppers : Sargent Chadduck Corporal Thomas Andros Corporal Jofaph Pebody william foster Sener Samuel Simonds Voted : ·23· of fabewary ·91/2· the Towne being meat to gather a Cording to a pointment voted to Choves a Commety on the ·8·th of march next insuing to fiend out a fit pleac to fett a meting hous

[10] At a Lawful Town meting hild in Boxford the ·8·th of march ·1691/2· the Town Choes John pebody fener moderator for the daye :

·2· the Town Choes Jofaph Andrus Constabel for the year einfewing : ·3· the Town Chos thair felact men af foloweth Samuel Simonds Sener Thomas hazan Josaph pebody fener John Andrus Robard Ames fener ·4· Corporal Thomas Andrus grandJurey Leftenant Thomas parly Jure of trialls for the nax Court at Ipswich : 5 : Samuel Smith daniel wood Sargent Chadduck Corparal Kimbal Sarvaiers for the year in fewing : ·6· the Town Choes Saveral men for to mesuer from end to end and from fied to fied of our townen to fiend out the Senter and if that bee not the moest fitest place for to fet a meting hous in then the Commety that wee Choues aer to Confedar of a nother place or places : which thay Shall think moit fitest and so mack thair report of what thay shall doe hear in to the Town of Boxford : and the names of the men Chosen for the Sarues a boue Said bee Leftanent John gould Laf-

ten Thomas Backer: Sargent John Houey Henary Wilkens Ensien John perly Leften Thomas parly qurterm. Moses Tiler Samuel Simonds fener Robart Ames fener and John Pebody fener Zecheus Cortes this Commetty bee to meet one the first tewesday of June next in sewing for to doe this seruise aboue menfinad

At a Lawful Town meting hild in Boxford the .31. of Maye .92.

the town Choes John pebody and Thomas pearly fener representetives for the genarall Court or a Sembly ordered to be heald the .8.th of June in the a bove Said year .92. by the gouerner and Counsell: The Commety a pointed by the Town to fiend out a place to set the meeting hous in meat one the .7.th of June 92 a Cording to the Townes order and thay have mesurad the towne from ende to end and from fied to Sied: and from the ferthies howsing by wills hill to gorg bixbes feeld is .7. miels: and from the farther most Corner of our Land near maremack Reuar to gorg bixbes feald is .8. miels: and from the .8. miell tree to gorges feald is .2. miels and a qurter: and from Rowly Lien to the aboue faid feald is a boutte .2. miels and a half the neraft waye as Sume think

.9. july .92. the town had a meeting a Cording to warent and the Towen Choes Ensien John pearly Commesener to Joyen with the Selact men to tack a trew valewation of the esteat of the Towen a cording to Lawe

Leftenant pearly and John pebody fener have payed to Rowly the three pounds of pay that was deliuerad to them for the ues of the Town Rowley had it to Satisfy for tew years Salery dew to them by an a grement of the Vileg with them before thay would part with vs

[11] At a Lawful Towen meting hild in Boxford 15th of march .92/3 the Towen Choes Leftenant Thomas parly to bee the modarator for that day: also Abraham Radington Constabul for the year ensewing voted÷ also Choes .5. Selact men and there names bee as foloweth: John pebody fener Sargent John Ch * * Zecheus Cortes daniell Wood fener: Josaph Bixbee voted: also Leftenant Thomas pearly Commesiner for the year insewing also the Towen Choes Enien John pearly to farve af a Jureman for trials at naxt Cort at Ipswich and Thomas

Redington grandiuerey for the year insewing also quarter master Tiler Samuel Simons be Chosen tithing men this year insewing also John Ames Servaier and John pebody Juner and Temothy dormen also Josaph pebody fener and mofes Tiler fenc vewears and to fee that fwien bee wringed a Cording to Lawe: also corperal Thomas Andrus Clark of the market also John pebody fener Clark of the townen to enter votes of the townen from tiem to time: also voted by the Town that all our town Charges fhall bee raifed af foloweth that is to saye one quarter fhall bee layed a pon vacant land and one quarter part of eny land: and one half a pon heads and movebal esteats heads being valewad at twenty pounds a head in all fuch Town Reates voted also the Town Choes fevan men to bee a Commety to order the waye emproving the minestars farm and to order what a howes fhall bee a pon it at the presant if anney and what way to paye for the buelding of it and the names of the a bove Said Commety bee af foloweth John pebody enfien John pearly Samual Simonds fener Leftenant Thomes pearly quarter master Tiler: Corparel thomas hafen Eparam Cortis this work is to bee dun with in one year if the Commety doe a gree in macking of thair Report to the Townen.

at a Town meting hild in boxford the .3. of July .93. the Town Choes John Pebody senr to Sarue as a repesantetive for the Town this Sasiens.

at a Lawful Town meting in Boxford the 15th of September .93. Choes daniel wood modarater: and Leftenant pearly Thomas Andrus J * * * * Ames daniel black Thomas Radington to fee that Swien bee wringad a Cording to Law: also Sargent Chadduck Jury man for newbury Court:

at a lawful townen meting hild in boxford the .31. of October .93. the Towne Choes Enfien John pearly to gather what is rafinably and honestly dew from Robert Ames his estate to his fon daniels Children and to ves al lawfull mens to obtaien that which is dew and to giue an account to the Town that so it maye be disposed of for the said daniel Ames Children Voted

also the town Chos Leftenant Thomas p * * * * as a repesantetive for the town this next Sit * *.

[12] At a Legal Town meting houlden in Boxford * * * the Town Choes Enfien pearly moderator for the day and also (vote)d that uacent land fould not bee rated this year to anney * * Charges in Boxford: .2. that thos that doe hear the word of (God) despanfed at Topf-feeld should this year pay to the menistry thaier the sum of eaughteen pounds one thord of it in Siluer money * not to Reat Uacant Land So high as was a gread a pon

At a Lawfull Town meting hild in Boxford the 13th of march 1693-4 the Town Choes Corporal Thomas Andrus moderator for the day: Voted: also John pebody fener Town Clerk: Voted: also John Kimball Conitable for the year infewing voted also The town Choes five felact men for the year infewing and thair names be as foloweth Lef-tenent Thomas Pearly: Corporel Thomas hazen * arter master Tiler william foster fener: Epharam Cortes Voted: also John pebody fener Comesiner for the year infewing voted: also william pebody and John Andrus Saruaier[s] for the year in sewing: also Thomas Radington and Josaph haill be Chosen fenc vewars for the yer infuing also Epharam Smith and moses Tiler Juner be Chofen to loock after horses for the year infewing: also John Stiels grandJure and Josaph pebody fener Jureman for nex * rt at Epswich: also Ensien John pearly and Abraham Radington Juner tithing men

At a Lawfull Town meting holden in Boxford the .24. of April .94. the Town Choes John pebody fener moderator for the daye: voted

the Town Voted that the Town of Boxford Should build a meting hous in Conuenient time therty fouer foout Squear and eaughten foout Stud betwen gointes also to build and finniessh this meting hous with in the speac of two years after the deat hear of dated the .24. of April .94.

At a Lawful towne meting houlden in Boxford the .14. of May .94. the Towne Choes Ensien * * ly moderator for the day: and by Reson of defaranc they did no moer that day

At a Lawfull Town meting houlden in Boxford the .26. of July .94. the town Choes .3. men for affesars for this year and thair names bee as foloweth: John Pebody fener daniell wood fener and Josaph Andrus * * thay b

all fworn a Cording to Law John Pebody was fworn * * nathan Corwin Esquier and daniel wood and Josaph Andrus was fworn * * John pebody Clark of the Town as attest John Pebody Clark :

[13] Josaph Andrus Conftable of Boxford brought a resaight from m^r Tailer trasurer for the year .93. of fifty pounds .19 Shillings which is peart of the Towns afements for the year .93.

as attest John Pebody Clark Keper of the Town Boock :

Resaiued of m^r Josaph Bixbe Constabell of Boxford Eight pounds Eleven Shillings and two pene by discount the 1st of June 1694 being the full of the twenty fouer thowsent pound Reat of the Said Town of Boxford I say refaued for m^r Jimes Taylar Trefurer this is a trew Cope of a resaight which the Constable Josaph Bixbe brout from the Trasurer as attest John pebody Clark

.28. June .94. deliuerad to Sargent Chadduck of the town's money by order of the select men for poudr and fhot the fumble of —09 —03 —02

30th June .94. Resaiued of Sargent Chadduck one hundred and twelve pound of bullets bages and all and three hundred flints which Coomes to two pound ten shillings —02 —10 —00

also a finall barel of powder barel and powder and bringing Coms to —04 —14 —00

also hee deliuerad to mee the seame day in Silver the fume of —01 —18 —08 as witnes my hand John Pebody Town Clark for Boxford

.6. of octobr .94. layed out in powder and Shot and bullets and bringing —08 —19 —8

Refaiued of John Kimbol Constable of Boxford 15th of nouember .94: 03 —11 —5

Resaiued of John Kimbol Constabel of Boxfor[d] .27.th of desambr 94 01 —00 —0

Resaiued of Constable Kimbol for the powder Reate in Silur —00 —13 —4

Resaiued of Constable Kimball for the powder Reat in Silver 01 —08 —0 2 february 96/7

all that I haue Resaiued is caft up att 15 —15 —11

9 desambr 1701 Resaued of Constabel Kimbol in Siluer for the powdr Rat —11 —00

Resaiued of m^r daniel wood Constable of Boxford

twenty five pounds thorten Shillings and sixpenc in full of two Rates a mounting to $\cdot 25^1 13^s - 6^d$: by James Tailer Tresurer: may $\cdot 28 \cdot$ 1696 this is a trew Cope as attest John pebody Clark of Boxford.

Boston may 26th 1697: Resaived of mr Thomas andrus Constabel of Boxford twenty sevan pounds in part of a warent for fifty fouer pounds Resaived for m^r James Tailer Trasurer Resaived by Jaremy Allin boock kepar as attest John pebody

$\cdot 14 \cdot$ August $\cdot 96 \cdot$ dilevared to quartermaster Tiler of the town Stock of poudr and bullets and flintes: ten pound of poudr thirty pound of bullets and $\cdot 50 \cdot$ flintes and hee is to keep this part of the Town stok teall the Selact men fee Caues to lodg it in sum other place as attest John pebody Town Clark

[14] At a Lawfull Town meting hild in Boxford the 4th of desambar $\cdot 94 \cdot$ the Town Choes John pebody moderator for the presant meting: also voted by the major peart of the Town was that the Town of Boxfor[d] shal paye to the menistry of Tipsfeld this year $\cdot 94 \cdot$ the sum of Eaighthen pound on thord part of it Silver money provided thay seat us a cordingly as thay doe themsealves which was thair promies

At a Lawful Town meting hild in Boxford the $\cdot 22 \cdot$ of Jenewary 94/5 the town Chos Samuel Simonds sener moderator for the meting Voted: also the Town Chos the place for to set the meting hous in and the place is between william pebodyes hous and gorg bixbes hous as thay Can agree with the ouenars of the land the town firs voted to fiend this plac a bove said by a vote: of the town: Josaph Andruf and fevral others entered thair Conterary desant a gainst the place a bove named for sum Resans thay had

At a Lawful Town meting held in Boxford the $\cdot 29 \cdot$ of Jenewary $\cdot 94/5$ and first wee Choes daniel wood moderatar for the presant meting voted: also the Town Choes $\cdot 5 \cdot$ men to be a commety to carey on the worck of bulding the meting hous in the Town of Boxford a Cording to thair beait discrasion emprooving men in our owne town if thay may bee obtained rasanebly also to agree with the ouener of the land wher the meting hous shall Stand: and the

men Chosen to bee this Commety a bove Sad bee at foloweth Thomes Andrus: Ensien John Pearly John Pebody quarter master Tiler Thomas hazen:

At a legal Town meting houlden ||in Boxford|| the 12th of march 1694/5

first the Town Choes ||Corparal|| Josaph Bixbe moderator for the meeting voted

·2· the town Choes Sargent John Chadduck Constabel for the year insewing

3^{ly} the town Choes fise Selact men ||and to be assesars|| and thair names bee af foloweth Ensien John pearly quarter mafter Tiler: Corperal Josaph Bixbee John Andrus Corperal Josaph pebody: voted: and John pebody Clark: also Abraham Redington Juner and Josiah Bridges fer-vaiers of high waies: also Josaph Andrus and Epharem Smith and John Ames and moses tiler Juner fene vevers for the year in sewing voted: also Leftenant pearly grand Jurey and daniell wood fener Jury of trials also the Town Choes ·5· men to meet with Topsfeld men to agree with them if thay Can: a bout the satling of thair bounds with our town in places wher thay and our toun Joyen to gather and if this Commety a bove Chosen Cannot a gree with Topfseld Commety in Sattiling the bounds betwen them and wee whear it is yet to goe: then the a bove sad Commety is to mack Retern to the Town that fo other methords may bee emproued for the Satteling of our bounds: the names of the Commety bee as followeth: Ensien John perly Leften Thomas pearly Samuel Simonds fen^r Corparal Thomas Andrus * * * * John pebody: also John pebody to get Coppies ||at the towens cost|| of the general¹

[15] * * * * * meting hild in * * * * * the Town Choes John Pebody modarator for the day

2 the Town Choes John pebody to sarue as thair representative at the grate and genaral Court to begin at boston on the ·28· of this enstant may

also the Town Choes the Saem Commety to Settel bounds with all others that Joien a pon us in all places that wee Choes to agree with (Each) Conserving thair lien

¹ Torn off.

with us : and thair names bee as foloweth Ensien John pearly John pebody Leftenant Thomas pearly Thomas Andrus and Samuel Simonds voted as attest John Pebody

At a Lawful Town meting hild in Boxford the .29. of July .95.

the Town Choes Ensien John pearly moderator [for] the day : also Choes Left * * Thomas pearly Commesiner for this presant year : also the town Choes A * * * Radington to furue a pon the Jury of trials next Court at newbery v(oted) : also the Town Choes John Eams to mack a pound and to set it by the * * near Josaph heals hoves and bee ||the Sad hale|| to bee the pound keepar for the presant voted

At a lawfull Town meting hild in Boxford the 9th of desamber the town Choes Sammuel Simonds moderator for the meeting V(oted) and the Selact men declared that the grounds of the meeting was to a low of such billes of Chearg as wear by Law and Reson a lowed sevrall wear offerad but only one allowed to Edward phelps of forty * * also the Town voted to paye to Rowly the twenty shillings ||yerly|| y^t is yerly dew to (them).

At a Lawfull town meting holden in Boxford the tenth of march 169(5) *

the Town Choes william pebody moderator for the presen(t) meting Voted also daniel wood is for the year ensewing chosen Cansta(b)el Voted the Selact men ||and assesars|| bee as foloweth : John pebody william pebody Thomas A * * * Jonathan foster Jonathan Bixbe bee chosen Selact men for the year insewing also mosis Tiler Juner and Zacheus Cortes bee Chosen Seruaiers for the year * * * * Ebenezar Stiels and Thomas pearly Juner bee chosen fenc vewars this year * * John Ames is Chosen Jury ||man|| of trialf this nex Court at Ipswich in march * * * el Simonds is Chosen grand Jury man for the year in fewing voted * * town Choes Captain wicom to asest and healp our Commety in all * * tyes thay may meet with all in satteling our bounds with all towns * * * pon and also doe agree to Satesfy Capten wicom in Reson for * * * will bee perswaded to half us in that a faier voted : Sarue * * * Town voted that the Selact men this year shall call all the former constabel(s) that

have been in our town to giue an a Count what they haue
 dun with the money that was ouer layed in each mans
 Rate for the years they sarved that so it may bee desposad
 of for (the benefit) of the town: Voted: also voted that
 gorg bixbe shall have the vse of the parsenag medow this
 year in sewing and he to pay for it what * * * * also
 the Town voted that no man shall medall with * *
 * * *ing to the parsanig farm with out (leave) from the
 * * * * also the Town Choes Corperal Josaph¹ * * * *

[16] * * names u * * * * nder * * * * *
 of July 1696 in fetteling the boundes * * n Boxford *
 the propriators of the farmes att wils hill namely E *
 * *ns and Esqier balingemes formerly Called peculers *
 the bounds bee as foloweth: a tree marked by the Revar
 * ut forty Rods a boue the Indian bridg and from * c a
 pon a norwest Cors to a heap of Stones a littel * * d wil-
 liam waies hous: and from thenc a pon a northw * * * s
 to a heap of stones by pout pond broock: and so from
 thenc a pon the seam Cors to a forked whit Oack tree
 which is now down and a heap of stones in the Roome of
 it and from thenc northerly to a Rock in beech broock
 whear the broockes meet and from thenc a pon a north-
 westerdly Cours to the whit Ocke tree marcked: and
 from thenc a pon the fame Cors to a Crooked whit Oack
 tree marked with Bee.

Boxford Commety was Ensien John pearly and Corper-
 al Thomas Andrus and Samuell Simonds.

the propriators of the a boue s^d farmes wear Thomas
 fuller fener and Thomas fuller Juner and Thomas Wil-
 kins: as attest John pebody Clark.

* of fabewary 96/7 the Selact men of boxfor(d) Called
 the Conft * * a Rackning for money that wear ouear
 laied in each mans * * * fouer of them did apper to
 Raccon namly Josaph Bixbe * haram Cortes Abraham
 Radington John Kimbol and the scla * * be Satisfiad
 with the a Counts and doe fiend John Kimbol in the Towns
 deat - 2¹ : . 9^s. and doe order him to paye to Ab * * * y
 one pound .4. Shillings for parsons that wear ouer R * * *
 year which was not Just: thorow mistakes: and to Jo

¹ Torn off.

* * * * be .6^s-8^d-: and to John pebody .18^s. 4^d.: for the Ves of * * * * have payed to Josaph Bixbe 16^s for a Reat that hee * * * Josiah Bridges when hee was Constabel in .91. and * * * Recover the .16^s. of s^d bridges he is to Retorn it t * * * wee doe fiend the Town to bee in deat to Epharam Co * * 6^s-10^d for pearsons that wear Reated which could not * * * witnes our hands the Sa-lact men of Boxford

John pe * * *
Thos An * * *
Jono * * *
will * * *
* * * * *

a boue s^d John Kimbol hath payed to the a bove s^d Abraham Radington the .24. Shillings as is above * * *
Select men then in being as attest John * * * * *

[17] * * * * * Thomas Andrus Constabel for the year * * * * pebody is Chosen Town Clark for the year * * Chos the Select men for the year in sewing and also * the same men for assesars for the year in Sewing * * names bee as foloweth Corperal Josaph bixbe and * * Andrus william pebody Sargent Chadduck * * * as pearly Juner thes bee to Sarue for the year in fewing * william foster sener grandJury for the year insuing Josaph heayel searu on the Jury of trials at next Coart at Ipswich

Thomas Andrus is Chosen selare of waits and mesuers Samuel Simons fen^r and John Ames fervaier for the year in * * Thomas hazen and Josaph pebody senr fenc vewars for the yer in sewing * osis Tiler sener and Thomas Radington tithing men for this year.

the town have Voted to Exsapt of Captin goulds and m^r Endicots farm: if anney men will bee att * * * rst and paiens to precuer them to bee layed to our * * by petesining to the genaral Court to retorn them * * hat if anney men will bee at Charges to petesion * * * * enaral Court to obtaien them and doe Recover them * * * will bee at all the Cost and Charges that * * expanded but if thay Cannot obtain one of * * * thay that doe spend thair time and money * * * it them sealves unles the Town doe further act * *

The Town have Voted that thair shal bee a pound S *
 * * * Timothy dormens or Joseph pebodyes houses * *
 bee Seat up by anney that will goin to gather to * it at
 the Towns Cost and Charges

* 1 town meting hild in Boxford the Eaughteenth of
 may .97. * hoed John Andrus moderator for the day

Choes John pebody to farue as a Repesantetive att the
 gr * * * * rt to bee ceapt and hild the .26. of this pres-
 ant month.

[18] * * * * * william foster to
 tack notes of anney *dis* * * * * by Reson of our disagre-
 ing about that wee * * * * *

* 2. of march .96/7: the Select men of Boxford whic *
 * * * n the year .96. haue layed out a tow[n] high way
 from the training place to the norweast end of thair town
 beginning att the training feeld and So a long the path by
 Ab * * Redingtons feeld to the wedow Stie[l]ses new feeld
 and fo (along) the path to Could water medow Swamp
 and fo ouer the Swamp and a long the path to Samuel
 pickards new (feeld) now in the posasion of Jonathen
 and william foster from the East end of that feeld to the
 East end of medow pien Swamp and from thenc one a
 norwest Cors on the South Sied of a great valley and
 Swamp *Stn* * * Andover Road to Ipswich: not very far
 from Jo * Tilers feeld and fo a long Andouer Road to
 Sarg * Chadduckes Corner of his feeld and from thenc *
 young moses Tilers bearn and so a long the path to na-
 thaniell pebodyes hous and so in to a way the proprietars
 of m^r nelfons great farm have layed for thair nesenary
 Ves

and from the Training field to Thomas pebodyes hous
 is * * a half to the beast of our Remambranc if wee wear
 n *

[19] At a lawfull Town meting hild in Boxford the
 10 of may .98. the Town Choes John pebody moderater
 for the day .2. the Town Choes John pebody to sarve this
 year af a Repesantetive for the town of Boxford .3. that
 the above S^d pebody shall Ves all fevill means to Recouer
 our names a gaien which wee haue lost by misinforma-
 tion in Signetfing that wee did not doe our duty in the
 maintaining of the minnistrey also to petesion the Court

for the money that we payed that year by Reson of that misinformation moer then was our Just and Eaquel proportion Compeared with other Towns next to us. also to petesion the genaral Court for mister Endicoots farm and Captien Gould farm for to paye dewty to Boxford to which Town wee think thay doe properly belong to: being wone giueen to Rowly by the Court and the Cost of the petesion to be at the Towns Charg

At a lawfull Town meeting hild in Boxford the Eai[g]th of Septem 1698 the Town Choes Thomas hassen moderator and Choes Leftenant Thomas pearly to Sarve as a Juryman the next Court at newbury

The Mark of Luke Hovey Jun^r for his Cattel and other Creturs is as followeth (viz) a Croop of the Right Ear & a hole threw the Same Ear Entred May the 14th 1739

[20] At a Lawful town meting hild in Boxford the 3^d. of Jenewary 98/9 The Town Choes Sargent hazen moderator for the day Voted

·1· the Tow[n] Voted to Choes 5 men to bee a Commety to Carey on the work of bulding and finnishng of our meting houes ·2· it is also Voted that Euery man in the Town shall have liberty to doe as much work in bulding and finneshng of the meting hous as will Come to thaier Shear Exseptng the money peart and theas 5 men shall Seat the pries that euery man fhall have for the work that hee shall doe a bout the meeting hous ·3· that this meeting hous shall bee mead fit for to bee Raised by the 10th of June nex infewing: also to bee finnished by the first of Jenewary next insewing or Sowner if it may bee Conveniently so dun

4 that theas ·5· men that bee our Commety to Carey on the meting hous shall have ·3· Shillings a day from the first of march to the first of novembr: and then half a Crown a day teell the first of march following: and thes ·5· men Chosen for our Commety to Carey on the meting hows thair names bee as followeth Ensien John pearly Corporal Thomas Andrus Sargent Thomas heazen Corporal daniel wood and Josaph heall be the Commety aboue s^d. 5th. the Town have agred and voted that the Selact men for the time beeing shall mack a reat or Reats for to Raies money as need shall Requier from tiem to time for to

Carey on the work of finnishng the meting hous tacking thair deraction from the Commety how much thay shall Rais from tim to time voted

The Selact men of Boxford in the year 1698 the .5th of Awgost mad a Reat of twenty one pound one Shillien and .3^d. or thaier a bouts and delivered it to william wotson Constabel of Boxford and ordered him to paye .18^l of said Reat to the Country tresurer and the Reast of it to Josaph hail for the Ues of the Town: as attest John pebody one of them and Town Clark

the Selact men a bove s^d mead a nother Reat sum time in Jenawery folowing which doth a mount to the sumb of 30^l-14^s-07^d or thair a bouts and orderad the Constabel william wotson to pay thoirty pounds of it to The County Tresurer and the ouer plush to deliver to the selact men for the Ves of the Town as attest John Pebody Town Clark and one of the Selact men for the year 1698. in the Town of Boxford

also the selact men of Boxford mead a Town Reat the .24. of fabewary 1698/9 which Reat a mounted to the sume of fouerten pound Eaightten Shillings and ten pene and orderad the Constabel william watson to gather S^d Reat and deliver it to the Selact men then in being for the ves of the Town also to make up his accounts with the Selact men by the tenth of September next folowing as attes John pebody one of the Selact men and Town Clark

This last Reat was deliuerad to Samuel Simonds to gather becaes m^r wotson had neglacted it and pledad much infirmity so that the whol Reat was in danger to be lost: whearfoer the Selactmen took the list from s^d wotson and writ it over a gaien Every mans Just * m in a nother sheet of Paper just as thay wear in m^r watsons list and deliverad this list to m^r Samuel Simonds the then Constabel of Boxford

[21] At a legal Town meting hild in Boxford the 3^d of fabewary 1698-9

first The Town Choes Ensien pearly moderator for the day

also the Town Choes five men to bee a Commety to agree with workmen to buld and finish a meting hous in

the Town of Boxford and to mack a galery in it and a pulpit as good as topsfiles and mak seats both for the lower Rouem and galleries fofisiant for the wholl hous

Sacondly the Town did agree volentarely and vuanemusly did Vot to Raies money to paye the work men that the Commety a boue s^d shall agree with to buld and finish our meting hous and Raies money as much as will bee needfull to paye the work men for bulding and finishing of the meting hows: and what money is needfull the Town doth agree to Raies at three times: the first payment is to bee the twentieth of may next: and the Sacond payment is to bee by the next Cresmus after the deat hear of and the third payment to bee when the whol work is fully finnisid and the Town to bee att the Charges of Raiesing the meting hous and to satesfy the Commety for what Charges thay shal nasasarely bee att in discharging thair trust Reposad in them and the Commety that the Town have choes att this tiem bee as foloweth Josaph Andrus Corporal Josaph Bixbe Corporal daniell Wood John Eams and Zecheus Cortes and thay bee not to promies a boue Six Scoer pound which is acording to what was offerad and to bee payed att three destinkted payments as a boue s^d: voted.

At a legal Town meting hild in Boxford the 14th of march 98/9 first the Town Choes Corporal Josaph Bixbee modarator for the day: 2. Clark Simonds is Chosen Conftable for the year insewing voted .3. the selact men bee as foloweth Lef^{tt} pearly John pebody John Androus John Ames william pebody voted for the year insewing and to bee assesars .4. william foster Sener is Chosen tithing man for the year insuing also have Choes Ebenezer Tiler Thomas Wilkins Abraham Radington Servaiers of hy waies for the year in fewing .5. Thomas Radington and John Stiels fenc Vewars this year, also Epharam Cortis is Chosen to sarue on the grand Jurey this yer: also Josiah Bridges is Chosen to Sarve on the Jury of trials att next Court to be houlden att Epswich after the deat hear of Voted also John pebody is Chosen Town Clark for the year insewing also the Town Choes .5. men to be a Commety to fiend the moest sutabel place to set our meting hous in and the names of the men bee as

foloweth Insien Juett Captin greenlef Captin goodhew Captin Asgood and doctor dean then savoral being gone wee came to Contrevart a bout the legallety of such a work to be dun ·2· ouers in the night when many was gon: yet them that wear leaft did prosed to Chous ·5· men to be informers of the s^d Commety and thayer in be Leften perly Sargent Chadduck Josaph Andrus Zacheus Cortis and John pebody

16th may ·99· the Town Choes John pebody to sarve as a Representative for the year ·99· also to manieg thair petesion for the two farmes that did belong to gouvernor Endicot and Zecheus Gould

[22] At a legal Town meting hild in Boxford the 19th of June 1699 the town Choes Corporal Josaph Bixbee moderatar for the day

At a legal Town meting hild in Boxford the 18th day of Septembr 1699: the Town Choes John Andrus moderator for the day: allfo moses Tiler to sarve as a Juryman next Court at newbery also the Town Choes five men to bee a Commety to determen a pon the most sutabelles place to seat our meting hous in for to a Comadat our Townen for the most Conveniency of the town in Jenaral the names of the Commety be nehamyah Jueat Captin Rayment docter dean decon noulton Sargent Epharam Stevens.

At a Town meting hild in Boxford the ·22· of September 99: the Town Choes John Andrus moderrator for the meting: also the Town voted to stand to the detarmentation of the Commety that was Chosen on the Eaighthent day of this Enstant Septembr or the mager peart of them in a greeing a pon and stating of a place whear our meting hous shall stand: also voted to Satesfy the a bove s^d Jentil men for thaier paiens in Reson and the Town Choes Leftenant pearly and Corporal Thomas Andrus to Enviète the a bove s^d gentlemen for this servis and the 14^{tenth} of march ·98/9· the Town have Choes Leftenent pearly Sarent Chadduck Josaph Andrus Zecheus Cortis and John pebody to inform the a bove s^d Commety how the Town lyeth and for lenth and bradth

·27· of April ·99· the Selact men of Boxford mead a Reat for the Charges of the meting hows amounting to

the sumbe of : 31^l—08—08· as the Country Reat is Raised : also the seam men mead a Reat Containing : 10^l—19—03· at the Seam tiem and Raised it on vacant land lying in our town ship and deliverad both the a bove s^d Reats to Constabel Simonds to gather and deliver the money to Corperal wood : af attest John pebody Clark

B.T.E

in August ·99· the Select men mead a Reat of 19^l—10^s—00 and did deliver it to Constable Simonds and ordered him to pay Eighteen pound of it to deliver to the Contry tresurer and the Reast to deliver to the Selectmen for the ues of the Towne as attest John pebody on of the Selectmen and Town Clark

·22· desambr ·99· the select men mead a Reat of 38^l—12—00 to paye the Town deats and deliver it to Constabel Simonds to gather and ordered him to deliver the money to Corperal wood and John pebody as attes John pebody

the Select men of Boxford mead a Town Reat the ·29· of desambr 1699 : amounting to the sune of ·38· pound ·12· or thair a boutes and orderad the constabel to Ceary ·30· pound of it to Corperal daniel wood and ·8· pound 12^s to Jhon pebody for the ues of the towne as attest John Pebody

The Commety Chosen the ·18th· day of Septembr ·99· to Steat a plac to set our meting hous in Came on the ·3^d· and on the forth day of october 1699 and a Cordingly vewed both the plases nominat to them by the in formers and have shewed thair opinion of the plac which they did think most Conueniant for the Town in genarall to set a meting hous in and hear is a Copey of thair a ward in that matter as foloweth wee whose names are subscribed being Chosen by the towne of Boxford a Commety to detarmine vpon the moest sutabele Place to set thair meting hous in to accomedat s^d towne in genaral as apperath by thair Town Voat brought to s^d subscribers by Leftenent pearly and Corpral Thomas Andrus wee being meatt a pon the third and forth daye of Octobr ·1699· att the hous of s^d pearlyes wear attendad by the Commety appointed by this Towne for information how the Towne lyeth and the inhabitanc seatad to wit Leften pearly Sargent Chadduck Josaph Andros Zecheus Cortis and Leften

John pebody who gave us full Information with Respect to the premisies as weal as meny others persons of s^d towne whoe wear present which after hering all the debates and pleas pro & Con: with Respect to the promises that the opisit parties mead: vewing of the s^d places offered for our Confedarations with Respect to ye setting of s^d hous wee haue Concludad and detarmined that s^d meting hous will stand most Convenient to accomedat s^d Towne in Genarill on a small hill in the Land of Abraham and Thomas Radington whear a stump stands with stoens layed a pon it vpon the northerly sied of the thorn bushes and meting of two waies: which stump and stones wear shewed to us by s^d Thomas Radington: In testimony that it is our determination with Respect to the premises wee haue hear unto set our hands the day and year a bove written:

this is a trew Copey taken out of
the Enstrument drawn up by s^d
Commety to be thair determination
Concerning the most Sutable plac
for to accomedat the Town in
Genarell as attest John Pebody
who copeiad it out Town Clark

Nehemiah Jewett
William Rayment
Philemon dean
Nathaniell Knoulton

Whear af the Town of Boxford have Chosen a Commety to Steat a place to feat our meting hous in: and a Cordingly the Commety have been vewing the places proposad to them by the informars and have also detarmined a pon a place near to the thornbushes uppon the Land that now is in the posasion of Abraham Radington and Thomas Radington and thay both lovingly and freely have given grantted and doe by thes presants give grant and Confearm to the Town of Boxford a parsel of Land for the ves of the Town for to seat thair meting hous on so long as the Town shall have ocation to Emprove the said land for a meting hous to stand vpon the said land the first bounds is a tree wich is Ensien dormans Corners bounds and so northwardly fifteen Rod to a smal whight oack marked from thenc Eastwardly ten Rods to a grea[t] Rock with stons layed a pon it: and from thenc South-

wardly thorten Rod and a half to a Read oak tree marked : and from thenc Eaight Rods westwerdly to the first bounds : and this a bove said land lyeth a Joyning a pon the twalve Rod broad Road which Runneth from the Thorn bushes to the other Road which lyeth from Andover to Topsfild : and for the trew performanc of what is a boue written wee the a bove said Abraham Radington and Thomas Rading[ton] doe biend our sealves our haiers Exsecotars administrators and assiens not to molest the Town so long as the Town shall have ocation to emprove the s^d land for a meting hous : and in testimony of what is a bove written wee the a bove s^d Radingtons have seat tow our hands this twenty-thord of october .1699.

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Joseph Byxbe¹

John Andrew¹

Abraham Redington¹

Thomas Redington

At a legal Towne meting hild in Boxford the Eaith day of desamber 1699

1. the Towne Choes Josaph hale moderator for the day

2. the Towne voted that the Select men now in being Shall Call all the Constabels to an account that have not yet givenen an a count of all the money layed in thair savoral Rates deliverad to them by the Select men Respectively in thair savoral years : it is to be vnderstod that all the Constabels that have not clerad thair accounts and payed the money whear thay have ben orderad by the select men :

also the town have Choes Zecheus Cortis and John Eames for Colactars to demand and gather all the money that the Select men of Boxford have assesed and layed a pon men liveing out of our town for land lying with in our town which thay that ouen such land doe Refues to pay with of Sewt : also fuch men as live with in our town that Refues to paye what is layed a pon them for thair vacant land that is Rated to the Charge in buelding of our meting hous in Boxford.²

¹ Autographs.

² This paragraph was the eight lines crossed out in the original and referred to in the second paragraph below.

Aalso the Town of Boxford have voted for and mead chois of Zeeheus Cortis and John Eames for Colacters and the Town doth Emprove them and also hear by Empower them to gather and Resaive of the sevaral sums of money that is lavied by waie of Reat apon persons that have vacant Land in thair land lying with in the Township of Boxford wich is Raised for to discharg the Charges arising for bulding and finnishing of a meting hous in Boxford also the Town doth give them full power to sew for and Recover of anney person or persons that shal Ether neglact or Refues to pay thair several Sumbes of money assesed on them by the selact men of Boxford both of persons liveing with in our Town also the a bove said Cortis and Eames be hear by inpoward to sew for and prosecut anney person or pearsons that thay Shal have ocation to Commenc anney Suet or Sutes against from Court to Court teall the Caues or Caueses bee Endid and what money thay shal gather or Resaive of pearsons for Reats as a bove s^d thay bee hear by orderad to deliver to Corporal daniel Wood for the ves of the Town to wards the meting hous Charges in boxford

thes .8. liens a bove that stand Crosed wear worded by the tow Colectors a bove named and when they had Consedarad weal of them they them selves did not liek to have them stand as thair orders to goe by in that servis but had them Crosed out becaues thay wear not worded to thair miends and then worded the folowing orders to stand for the Town act to impower them in the discharg of thair offis of gathering all the money of persons in Townen and out of townen that wear in the Reat deliverad to them to gather as attest John pebody Town Clark

according to a Town voat the Selact men sent to call the Constabels to a Racning and have Racned with Constabel wotson and fiend him 01^l—04^s—7^d behiend of which money we have giveen him .6^s. 7^d for his trubel he hath bee[n] at and wee have ordred him to pay Eaigh-ten shilling to John pebody for the ves of the Towne: also Eaight shilling and six penc dew from Constable watson to the Townen for so much that hee gatherad of a Town Reat deliverad to him and hath deliverad the Reat to the selact men agaien this .22. of desamber .1699. on the

Condesion he pay the whol sumes of money to the a bove said pebody

the 12th of march 1699/1700: first the Town Choes E[n]fien hazen moderator for the day Voted

allfo the Tow[n] Choes Josaph haill Constabel for the year ensuing voted also the selact men and assesars bee as foloweth Ensien Pearly Sargent Josaph Bixbee Josaph Andrus Josiah Bridges and Corperal Josaph Pebody bee selact men the yer insuing: also william foster Thomas Rading[ton] Corperal Kimbol bee Chosen Tithing men: for the year in Sewing: also the Town Choes John Stiels moses Tiler and Thomas wilkens and david wood bee Chosen Servaiers of hy waies for the yer in sewing: also Abraham Radington and John Buswell fenc vewars voted: also Corperal daniel wood is Chosen grand Jury man for the year in sewing: also Timothy dorman to sarve on the Jury of trials this nex Court at Ipswich

also the Town voted that the vacant land Reat that is deliverad to Zecheus Curtis and John Eames for to gather shall bee payed forth with: which Reat was mead the .29th of desamber 1699

att a Legal Town meting hild in Boxford the .8th. of may 1700: the Town Choes Leftenant pearly and John pebody to searve as Represantius this year in sewing and to searve by torns one att a time voted: also that John pebody shall attend to manieg the petesion lying in Court thow hee stay noe longer which hath a promis of a hearing the sacond fryday of next sesions and to bee allowed by the Town what money hee shal Expend in procuring of Copies of Records to mack apper our Just writes a Cording to the genaral Courtes grants both tow Ipswich and Rowly from which Towns wee did both proseed oreganally and whot other Charges shal bee needful in the manigment of our petesion now lying in Court

wee whoes names are vnder written being Chosen by the Town of Rowly on the one part and by the village of Rowly on the other peart to a gree abovt a parting liene betwixt the Town of Rowly and the Villiag being meet to gather the seventh of July 1685: do agree as foloweth that the middel bound shall bee whear the foout Path Esueth out of the Cart path not far ofe the bridg going ouer the great medow and from the said middel bounds

to a forked whit oack neear the medow formerly layed out to Elder Rainer being a bound of that peart of the said medoo that feall to Captin whippel one a devision: and is also the Corner bound of a persil of land layed out to Ezecal northen being by Estemation a bout forty acors and so going on the Same liene Straight to Ipswich lien and from the a bove said tree of a Straight lien to the South weast Corner of the three thowsand acors which is a whit oake marked with ·R· and I and so from the Said tree north ward on a lien betwixt the three thowsand acors and land layed out to mistris Rogers and John pickard teall you Come to a whit oake marked with ·S· K ·I· being the Corner bound of John pickards land standing in the lien betwixt bradforth and the vileg: wee further agree that the inhabitance of the village shall be free from all Reats for time to Come to the Town of Rowly Exsepting twenty shillings in silver to bee payed by Josaph Bixbee sener John pebody william foster Samuella Simonds and mosis tiler yearly to annay of the Commety whiel they have no orthodox minister settled in the village and forther it is agreed that all the Coman land lying with in the village undevided shall Remaie to belong to the town of Rowly Exsepting the fearm Commonly called the ministers farme with in the villeg: and annay thing that is dew to the Country for land lying in the villiag is to bee paid by the inhabitants of the villeg in Comformation of what is a bove written both pearties have seat tow thair hands the day and year a bove spesified

Ezecal Jueat	Josaph Bixbee
John hopkins	John Jonson
John layton	John Pebody
Robart Eames	Samuel plates Juenr
	Samuel Simonds

this is a trew Copey taken out	Ezecal northen
of the Enstrument of a greement	william foster
betwen Rowly and the villiag in	daniell wicom
the day that Rowly seat the villiag	mosis Tiler
thair bounds a cording as the	John Trumboll
general Court did order	Stecphen myheall

as attest John pebody Town Clark for Boxford

wee whose names are vnder written being appointed by

the Towne of Rowly may the 11th 1699 to Impower the Towne of Boxford to settell Bounds with the Town of Salem Topsfild Andover and Bradford or aney other that the Township of Rowly formerly granted was Bordering upon wee do fully and Absolutly Grant and give to the Towne of Boxford as full Power to Settell anney bounds or Run any Lien or lines with anney Towne or Townes farne or farmes that was formerly Adjoyning to the bounds of the Towne of Rowly befoer that Boxford had the grant of a Township and what Power wee formerly had or still have: we Resigne vp our sole power to Boxford Towne to transact in anney such besines as if wee our Sealves wear actually Possesad of said Township of Boxford as formerly wee wear: alwaies Resarving to our sealues the Comen land that lyeth in the village vndevided as may appeare by an a greement bearing deat the seventh of July one thowsend six hundred and Eaightly five and the payment of the twenty Shillings per annem in Silver Ex-prased in s^d agreement by Josaph Bixbe sener John Pebody William foster Samuell Simonds & mosies Tilealr sener & to bee paied by them to the Towne of Rowly or thaier orders whiel Boxford have an^l otherdox minister settled a mongst them with the three pounds that will bee dew the saventh of July next and already orderad to Capten Wicom dated may 12th 1699: by daniell wicom Josaph Boyenton & Samuell plats of Rowly and Confirmed at a Legall meeting of the Towne of Rowly P an act of s^d Town may 16th 1699: this is a trew Copy taken out of the Towne booke of Rowly as attest Josaph Bointon Clark for Rowly

this is a trew Copy of that Enstrewment that the Towne of Rowly gave to vs of Boxford syned and attested to by Josaph Bointonclark of the Towne of Rowly and copied out by John pebody as attest John Pebody Clark for Boxford

Wee whoes names bee hear to subscribed being appointed by Ipswich & boxford Respectively to preamilat the bounds beetwen s^d townes met this day being the 8th of Aprill 1700 and the folowing bounds are them which are the standing bounds beetwixt the s^d Townes first beginning at the Swamp Called the Ash Swamp whear thair

is a heap of Stones by a path sied vpon the weast Sied of s^d Swamp: thenc Runing westwardly of s^d swamp to a littel whit oak bush with a heap of stons a bout it: thenc Runing on the same lien to a heap of stons: thenc Runing on the same liene to two Read oak trees with Stones by them and sum Stones placed betwixt them: thenc Runing upon the same lien to a heap of Stons upon a Ridg by a medow sied Collad pearlyes meedow thenc Runing on the same lien to a heap of Stones in Leftenant Thomas Pearlyes fild that hath a walnut bush in the heap of Stones thenc to a lopt whit oak that is dead with stones a bout it thenc on the same lien to a makt Read oak with a heap of stones a bout it thenc on a straight lien to an appeltree in L^t Thomas pearlys field as witnes our hands: Abraham how: John Pearlay: William howlet: Thomas pearlay: this is a trew Copey of the Retorn of the Commety that did sentel the bounds betwen Ipswich and Boxford so far as s^d townes Joyen together and sined thair doing thair in the .8th. of Aprill .1700. as attest John pebody

Clark for Boxford

At a legall Towne meting hild in Boxford the .21. of September 1700

.1. the Towne Choes Ensien Pearly moderator for the meeting:

.2. the Town Choes John Eames to Sarve on the Jury of trials next Court at newbery also Chos John Eames to mack a pound in that end of the Town whear hee live-ath and seat it vp by quarster master Tilers bearn ||or near to it in that Road||: also the Town did appoint that thear should bee a nother pound mead and seat it vp between Corporal pebodyes hous and Timothy dormans hous ||or in com other plas in that Road as may be convenient|| and have Choes John pebody to see that this pound bee mead by may nex also the Towne Choes Ensien pearly to see that thair bee a nother pound mead and seat vp by Josaph haiels hous ||or near thairabouts|| whear it is al Redy Voted to bee mead: thes three plases bee a lowed of by the Townen for the ||Eas and|| benifit of the whol and voted

At a legal Town meting hild in Boxford the .4th. of october 1700 the Towne voted to send Ensien John pearly ||and|| Clark Simons to inviet m^r Simes m^r persons m^r Capen

m^r barnit : to come to our towen and to afoerd us thair halp in keeping a day of prayer to Seek the Lord for his blas-ing in our Colling of a minnister to dispenc the word of god amongst vs in Boxford : also the Towne Voted to satisfy thos men that shall Entertain the minestars || & thair attendanc|| : that shall Come to aford vs thair halp in the s^d day also the Towne Choes Ensien pearly Leftanent pearly Clark Simonds Sargent Andros and John pebody to bee a Commety to meet with a Commety sent by order of the gen-eral Court to vew the liens between Topsfld and Boxford : also to inform them as weall as thay Kean whear the liens between Topsfield and Boxford [are] or oute to bee a Cord-ing to Court grant or otherwaies settled also to act in the Townes behalf what thay shall see needfull for the good of the Towne in that affaier a Cording to the trew intent of the genaral Courts order : voted

The select men of Boxford being meat to gather on the 17th day of July 1700 haue a greead that the hy way shall Contenew as it is Vesad for that End from the Road by william fosters feild a long to Rowly bouends near to a hill Colled tobacow pip hill as witnes our hands the se-lact men of Boxford

this is a trew Copey of what
was giveen in to bee | Re-
corded as attest John pebody
||town|| Clark for Boxford

Josaph Bixbee
Josaph pebody
Josaph Andrus

wee the select men of Boxford being meat to gather on the nienth day of September 1700 have a greead that a hy way shall ly and Contenew from the meting hous as straight as the ground will most Convenantly alow of to the vpperend of the medow that lyeth a littel way below the wedow pebodyes new mill and so over the broock to the bounds of the land between the wedow pebodyes land and Josaph heals land and so a long upon thair bounds to Andover hy way part upon the wedow pebodyes land and peart upon Josaph heals land : as witnes our hands the select men of Boxford

this is a trew Copey of what was
giveen in | to bee Recorded as attest
John pebody town | Clark for Box-
ford

John pearly
Josaph Bixbee
Josiah Bridges
Josaph pebody
Josaph Androus

whear as the Commety have Ingined the Carpenders to fill our meting hous with seats as andover meting hous is filled and upon the townes desier the Commety have Relesad the Carpenders of that Oblygation as to seting of the meting hous and do leave it to the descration of Insien John pearly and Clark Samuell Simonds with the Carpenders to fill the meting hous with seats as thay shall see Caues to the towns beast advantag: This was agreead to and Voted by the Towne at a Town meting hild the 4th of october 1700 in Boxford new meting hous

The Select men of ||Boxford|| Being met to gather on the 17th of July 1700: wee have a greead that the hy waye Shal ly and Contenu for that ves from frances Eal-lit his houes unto the mill path as it is now improved and as the trees aer marked and so one to Crooked pond broock and so on as the trees aer marked to the Eadg of the long plaien from thenc straight over s^d plaien unto the fishing broock a littel a bove the pout hoeel and so on to the Road Comming out of the feeld by Timothy dormans bearn s^d Road to ly one peart vpon said dormans land and peart on Corperal Josaph pebodyes land and so on vnto the meting houes: as witnes our hands the select men of boxford

this is a trew Copey of what	John pearly Josaph Bixbe
was giveen in to be Re-	Josiah bridges and
corded as attest John Pe-	Josaph Andrus
body Towne Clark for Boxford	

At a legal Town meting hild in Boxford the 9th of Jenewary 1700/1701 the Town Choes Ensien pearly moderator for the day:

allfo the Town Voted to give an Envitation to m^r Thomas Simes to bee our minister if it pleas god to inclien him to take vp with our invitation and what wee can give also the Towne have Choes Corperal daniel wood and Corperal Thomas pearly to goe to Cambridg and Carey the Towns Vot and declaer it to m^r Simes and bring the Town his answer whether hee will Exsept of it or not or other wies:

also the Towne have Resaived the meting hous this day of the Commety and carpendars to full satisfaction a Cording to bargin:

At a legal Town meting hild in boxford the 15th of

Jenewary 1700/1701: the Town Choes Sargent Thomas Andrus moderator for the meeting: also the Town voted to Choues a Commety to treeat with the Indians a bought thaier demand of money for our Town being with in the tract of land the Indians have claimed to beelong to the Sagemoer of aggowam which also thay have proved thay bee the grand Children of the s^d Saggamoer: the Commety chosen for this sarvis bee as folow

Ensien pearly Leftenant pearly John pebody Ensien heazen Josiah bridges the Toun haue agreed and voted that this Commety ||or the major part of them|| have full power to a gree with the Indians in order to thair demand both for quantety of money and for the time when it shall bee payed also have voted to levye and Raise the money preporsanebly upon all the land with in our township

The 16th of Jenewary ||1700/1701|| the Commety a Cording to the Towns order have a greead with Samuel English the grandson of Mascanomenet Sagemoer of ag-gawam Conserving his titel to our town: and wee have tacken a deed of him from bradford bounds to Ipswich River and from wils hill to Ipswich lien a Cording to the Court grant to Rowly: and wee have given him Eaight pound of money and all thair Charges which is about nien pound and fouer shillings in the whol

and hear is an account of what Each man layed down to mack vp the sum Ensien pearly -01-06-00 Leftenant perly -01-10-00 Ensien heazen 02-00-00 John pebody -01-04-00 and david wood lent the Commety -02-04-00 and Leftenant pearly on pound in vittels and drink -01-00-00 and .5^s Shillin and 6^d for acknowlegment of the deed -00-05-06

about the 10th of october 1701: Josaph foster brout Josaph English and John Vmpee to set thair hand to a quit Cleam and Resaived of John pebody two Shillings and six-penc in Siluer and Rum and vittels Enouf

also John pebody payed m^r Adington 3^s for writing the quet clame that thes tow Indians sined untow

the -2^l-04^s lent by david wood is payed again. thir-ten Shiling and sixpenc by Josiah bridges and .5^s. shilling he payed of it for his fater and himself for thair owen Shaer and by John pebody one pound five Shillings and Sixpenc so that the -2^l-4^s is payed again

To all People to whom these presants Shall Come Samu-
 uell Inglish an Indian the grand son and heir of mascau-
 nomenit the Sagemor of agawom in the County of Essix
 in newingland sendeth greeting Know yea that I the s^d
 Samuel Englifh Good and fofesiant Resons and Consedara-
 tions mouing me thaier vnto and for the full and Just sum
 of nien pounds of Corent money of newingland trewly
 paid unto mee the s^d Samuel English the Resept whear of
 I doe hear by acknowleg in full of all Rightes of Indian
 claimes and titels what so ever by Ensin John pearly Left
 Thomas pearly Ensigen Thomas hazen Left John pebody
 and Josiah bridges a Commety and agents for the Town
 of Boxford in the County of Essix in the provenc of the
 massechusets in newEngland whear with I the s^d Samu-
 uell English doe hearby acknowleg mysealf fully Satisfied
 payed and Contented for Euer Haue giueen granted bar-
 genad Sould. and Confarmed and doe by thes presants
 fulley freely and absolutly giue grant bargaen seall and
 Confirm for Euer vnto them the s^d John perly Thomas
 pearly thomas hazen John Pebody and Josiah Bridges and
 to as many others of the proprietars and inhabetanc of s^d
 towne of Boxford as Shall well and trewly paye vnto the
 aboue s^d Commety at or befoer the first day of May next
 insewing the deat hear of thaier dew and respactive
 Shears and proporsions of the sum of money a boue said
 and all other charges Expended by s^d Commety in and a
 bout the same to thair dew Satisfaction a Sertin tract of
 land Containing by Estimation twelve thowsend acres be
 the contants thair of moer or bee thay leas known by the
 name of the township of Boxford in the County a foer f^d
 being a butted and boundeed northerly by a marked pien
 tree on the southerly sied of marimack River which is the
 Corner bounds and then the lien Runs by the marked trees
 that aer betwen andouer and Boxford and Southerdly as
 the trees a Cordingly are marked betwen Andover and
 Boxford as it hath bien preamilated tell it Come to the
 Eaight miel tree So Called which is a bound mark beetwixt
 s^d Andouer and s^d Boxford and Southwardly to a whit
 oack tree which is the bounds betwixt wills hill men and s^d
 boxford and then southerdly to a wield pear tree or box
 tree Standing by Ipswich River Sied and then Eastward-

ly as the Riuer Runs tell it meet with Ipswich Lien which s^d lien doth Extend Six miels from s^d Ipswich meting house and then upon a straight Lien tell it Com to an appel tree that is in Leften pearlyes feild marked and then it Runs with Ipswich Lien vntel it meet with Rowly Lien near Calip Jacksons and so teall it Com to a whit oack in Bradford Lien as it is settled beetwixt Boxford and Rowly and then westwardly teel it meet with the pien tree first mensioned parting betwen Boxford and Andover all which tract of Land in the s^d township of s^d Boxford according as it is bounded or ought to bee boundad with all the Lands Soiels Revars brooks streams water waters ponds fishings huntings wood stoens gras food and all the Rights profits privilegas Commodites and apportenencies thair tow belonging or in any maner of waies appertaining to the same or anney part thair of To haue and to hould to them the s^d John pearly Thomas pearly Thomas hazen John pebody and Josiah bridges and to others of the inhabitants and proprietors of s^d Towne of Boxford prouoided as is above prouided to them thair haiers Execoters Administrators and assiens in quieat and pesabel posasion for Ever in fee Simple a good and sound Esteat of inharitenc freely and Clearly acquitted Relesed and discharged of all and from all Indian Rights and titels what so Euer that may bee mead by mee or aney other natue in this Land of newingland forther I the s^d Samuell English doe hear-by Covenant promies and grant to and with the a bove s^d Comety of the Towne of Boxford that at and vntel the in seling and declaring of theas presants I had good Right full power and Lawfull athorety to grant and Convey the Same and all the premisies as a boue Said: hear by binding my sealf heairs Exsecotars and Administrators for Euer to defend the s^d John pearly Thomas pearly Thomas hazen John pebody and Josiah bridges and others as is prouidat accordingly befoer them thair hairss Exfecotars administrators and assiens for Euer from the Lawful Claimes of all pursons what so Euer to the same or aney part of the a boue mensioned and granted premises in witnes whear off I the s^d Samuell English doe hear vnto seat my hand and Seeall this Sixteenth day of Jenewary Seventeen hundrad Seventen hundrad and one and in the

twelth year of the Raien of our Royal Soveran William
the thord ouer England and King ^{his}

Sined sealad and deliurad
in prasents of vs

Samuel  English
mark

Thomas Baker

Josaph ffoster

Mosis parker

Samuel Englis an Indian apperad
befoer me the subscriber one of his
Majestyes Justises of peac for the
County of Essex and acknowlegad
this Instrement to bee his act
and deed this sixtenth of Jenewary
1700/1701: Dudly Brodstreet

This is a trew Copey of the Indian deed which Samuell
English an Indian grand son and heair of maffkenominit
Sagemoer of aggawom who Chalenged the Town of Box-
ford to bee part of his grandfathers Land and proued it so
to bee by sevaral Indin testimoney vpon oath and so to
preuant fother trubbel and to Satisfy the Indian natiue
heaier the Town of boxford haue giueen him the full sum
of nien pound in money.

At a legal town meting hild in Boxford the 20th of
Jenewary 1700-1701 the Town Choes Leftenent pearly
moderator for the day :

also Choes Samuel Simonds to goe to Cambridg and
accompany mr Simes to our town

also the Town have voted to Choes .5. men to settel
our inhabetanc of the Town in seating our inhabitenc in
our meting hous a Cording to thair Sivel wrights having
Regard Chefly to Esteats yet soe as to have Respacts to
ould age: the men Chosen for this servis bee as foloweth
Ensien hazen Sargent bixbee Corparal Radington John
Andrus and Jonathan foster

At a legal Town metin hild in Boxford the .11. of march
1700-1701 the Town Choes Clark Simonds moderator for
the day: also the Town Choes Lef John pebody to bee
Town Clark for the year infuing

also the Town Choes Josaph hael Clark for the day: of
this meeting.

also the Town Choes Zecheus Cortis Constabel for the
year infewing

also the Town Choes .5. Select men for the year in sewing :

And thair names bee as foloweth Clark Simonds Leften pearly ||Corperal|| Thomas Radington Corperal Kimboll and Samuells Smith and to bee assesars

also the Town Choes Abraham Radington grand Jury man for the year infewing : and Corperal Thomas pearly to sarve on the Jury of trialf next Court att Ipswich : also the Town Choes william foster and Ensien hazen tithing men for the year also Corperal Wood and John Stielf bee Chosen Servaiers also Jonathan Bixbee and Samuel foster bee Chosen fence Vewars for the year in sewing : Whot is hear a bove written I have Recorded Reseiving it in a loues paper thow not attested to by the writer of the same

fouer of the Select men a bove named haue had the assesers Oath administread to them by the Clark of the Town as the Law diracts in Such Cases as attest John Pebody Clark thair names bee Thomas Pearly Samuel Simonds John Kimbol and Samuel Smith Select men for the year 1701

A Cording to law the Select men did administar the oathes to all the Town officer[s] in Boxford Chosen for the year insewing as by law thay aer impowred : also the ||town|| Clark did administer the oath of ||the|| assesers to .4. of them namly Samuel Simonds sener daniell wood Josaph heall and John Stiels for the yer 1702

At a lawful town meting hild in Boxford the .4th. of Aprill 170* the Town Choes William foster to bee the moderator for the day : Voted also the Tow[n] voted to giue to mister Thomas Simes sixty pound in money yearly for his salery in Keas that mister Simes will bee plesad to Exfapt of our Invitation to bee our minister and to tack offis a mongst vs : also buld him a hous of .48. foot long and .20. foout wied : and tow story hy : and a back Rooquem of .16. or .18. foout Squar and to finish the hous by this next october Come twelvemonth and as much Soouenar as ||Conveniently|| wee Kean : also to fiend thirty five Coord of ||wood|| by the year yearly also to procuer him teen acers of land as Convenantly as wee Ken not fear from the meting hooues which hous and land as a bove spesified wee doe giue to mister Simes and his

heairs for Ever provided that mister Simes Exsept to Come and bee our minnister and to tack offis a mongst vs : and the Salery to bee paied so long as hee Shall dispane the word of god ||publickly|| a mongst vs in Boxford Voted also wee have voted that m^r Thomas Simes Shall have the ves of one half of the pasneag the time hee Shall bee our minister in Boxford

also the Town Choes .5. men to discoarc with Topsfild men Conserving a divisanel lien betwixt Topsfild and Boxford and to see how near wee Caen Come to gather if it might bee to prevant further trubbell : the names of the men wee have Choes to doe this sarvis bee John Andrus Josaph Andrus Sargent Josaph Bixbee Corporal Thomas perly and John pebody voted

At this tiem when the major peart of the Townen voted to giue to m^r Simes .35. Cord of wood yearly by the year then Sevaral men mead objections a gaienst the alowing the wood to m^r Simes and did at the tiem Enter thaier Contrerary desant becaes sayd thay sum men have not wood to dispoes of but if the Townen see good to mack the Salery so much the moer as will Com to the wood wee shall not declien from our share the names of the men that did Enter thaier Contrary desant bee as foloweth John Andrus Josaph Andrus Timothy dorman Epharam Smith and Epharam Cortis Zacheus Cortis nathaniel pebody Thomas Andrus

At a legal Townen meting hild in Boxford the .11. of march 1700/1701 : the Townen votet that the money that was disbursed upon the Commety that was Employed by the Townen to steat the place whear our meting houes [should] stand should bee allowed : also the Coushen for the pulpit to be alowed : also the money that Corporal Wood Thomas pearly and Samuel Simonds disbrsed in going to Cambridg for m^r Simes Should bee allowed by the Townen : also the Townen voted that the .15. Shillings that was payed for the geer and Ropes to Raies the meting houes should bee allowed : also that goodman foster should haue five shiling for Cariing the Roopes and blockes whom a gaien : also voted that goodman bridges should have Eaight Shillings for the hangings of the meting houes ceasments : also voted to allow Leften pearly what cost

hee was at in providing for the Commety that steated the place ther the meting hous Should stand : also voted that the Chargis that was Expended a bout the Commety that the genaral Court sent to vew the liens of Topsfild and boxford and the tow farmes petesioned for by Boxford should be alowed by the Townen

What is hear recordid & Resaived in a loues paper thow not attestid by the writer

At a lawful Town meting hild in Boxford the .21. of April 1701

The Town choes Leftanent Thomas perly moderator for the day

also the Town voted to lay a Reat of .50. pound and to bee payed by the first of novembar insewing in Silver or Short Shingel or boards or naiels or brickettes or in procurring a mafon to bueld the Chimneys or in liem as Cheap as anney of theas thing[s] Can bee bought for in money : provided that all thos that will procuer anney of the things above mensesad doe Com to the Commety that the Town will Choues to Cary on the bulding and finishing of the hous for the minister with in a month after the deat hear of and declear whot thay will prouoid : and if thaier bee not a sofesiancy of the several things a bove mensioned provided with in a month as above s^d : then the s^d Commety aer hear by Empoured and desirad to provoid what shall bee wanting to finish the s^d ministers hous : and the Town doe hear by ingeag to paye them in money Every man his Eaquel shear as shall bee laied in the .50. pound Reat as a bove s^d : and now the Town doe prosed to Choues a Commety as folows

The Commety that the Towne have chosen for the ouer sight of the Carying on of the work of the minnisters hous ||as a foer sad|| : thaier names bee as foloweth : Sargent Thomas Andrus Corporal daniel wood Zecheus Cortis Sargent Josaph Bixbe Josaph hail Jonathan foster Thomas pearly Juner and Corporal Josaph pebody also thes men : be to provid what is needful ||for the hous a bove S^d|| on the Towns Cost and charge

this Commety ||above choesen|| bee to have two shillings and six penc a day when thay work delegently Each man : thay bee also to keep a trew account of all the

worck that is dun a bought the ||minesters|| hous both for work a bout the sealler and the woals of the hous and tending the mason and drowing of Rockes and bringing of Clay or brick: and if anney man Com leat: or if hee Com Early and worck with a Slack hand: in Eaither of thes failewers the Commety bee to noet them down: that so the Town may the batter know how to allow Every man a Just Recompenc for his work when the hous is finnishd: also Every man in the Town shall have free liberty to worck out his Eaquel shear Exsepteing the money part: and all that will provoid his shear in the things a bove spesified may save his money becaues the money is to procuer matter for the finnishing the ministers hous: and the major part of the Commety shall Judg what Each man shall have a day for his Labor in bulding and finnishing the minnisters hous

the Towne have Rejected thes fouerten liens above next to this lien as trumpery:¹

also the Town have voted to alow mister Thomas Simes the ves of the whol pasneag farm during the tiem that hee shall dispence the word of god a mongst us: hee leaving of it in good tenanttabel Repair or as good as he doth fiend it: also the town Choes Leften perly and Sargent Bixbe and John pebody to a gree with m^r Simes a bout the manner of paying of his salary and his wood

At a Town meeting hild in may in the year 1701

the Town Choes John Pebody to searve as a Represantative for the year 1701 att the great and genaral Court to bee houlden in Boston ·28· of may ·1701·

At a Legall Towne meting [held in] Boxford the Sixtenth of Juen 17 * *

the Towne voted to send that answer to m^r Thomas Simes which Leftenant pearly drew up in Answer to a desier that m^r Thomas Simes sent to the Town to Releas him from the promis which hee did mack to bee thaier minnister or the in Courigment that hee had given the Towne for to bee thaier minister

also the Towne did voat to send to m^r Jonathan danford and to Run the lien or mesuer from Ipswich meting

¹ This paragraph is crossed out in the original.

howes (* * *) thaier Six miels granted by the genarall Couert to Ipswich which is the bounds beetwen Topsfield and Boxford by a grant from the genarall Couert to Rowly as attest John pebody Clark: and a Cordingly the Selact men sent John Stiels to invight m^r danford to com to doe the above s^d Servis: and a Cordingly m^r danford and (his) son ceam and did the searvis and was .4. dayes from thaier whom: for which thay Resaived .2. pound .8^s. of the Selact men namly of Samuell Smith .9^s. and of Corporal Radington .6^s. and of Leftenant pearly and Clark Simons the Reast of the money Leftenan pearlys was .15^s. and Clark Simons paied .12^s. and Sargent Josaph Bixbee .6^s. which is the wholl of the 2^l 8^s all this was paied besied Expences wich is set down in a nother place.

At a ——— Town meting hild in Boxford the .24. of november 1701 The Town Choes Ensien heazen moderator for the day also the Town Choes John Pebody to bee thair Scowel master for the year insewing

Boston desambr .26th. 1701 Resaived of m^r Zecheus Curties Constabel of Boxford thirty fouer Pounds fouer Shillings in full of a warent for the lick sum of thirty fouer Pounds fouer Shillings Resaived for m^r James Tayler Tresurer by Jaremy Allin

At a lawful Town meeting held in Boxford the 21 of April 1701(?)

The Town voted to Record Sum propossals drawen vp in a looues paper which aer diractions for the Comety to walk by in bulding and finishing the ministars hous as foloweth that is to Saye theas liens hd below be the full Sum and Substanc of what was in the paper a bove s^d

pesesions how to Cary on the bulding and finishing of a hous for m^r Thomas Simes first to mack Choies of .5. or .7. men the——r Carpentars to bee a Commetty or vnderackers to Carey on the bulding and finishing the a bove s^d hous which Commetty shal be a lowed for thair worck by the Town tow shillings six penc per day a peec Euery of them for Euery day that thay worck at a bout the s^d hous and also that Euery man a licke in the Town shall haue liberty to worck out thaier preporsion of thair worck part in bulding the s^d hous and Euery man shall bee a lowed for his labor as much a day as the Commetty or the

major part of them doth judg thay doth Earn or desaruue and the Commety afoer s^d shall keep a trew and just account of his owen work and tiem that hee spendes a bout Cariing on of the s^d houes and also of Every other mans labor being a lowed as a foer s^d and the Commety a foer s^d shall give the selact men or trustees of the Towen then in being when the hous is bult and finished the whol sum of what the work peart doth amount to soe that it may bee preporsioned by a Reat and hee that doth not doe his peart in work shal paye it in such paye as shall answer the End in bulding or finishing of the hous and hee that doth moer shall bee payed by the Towen and the Commety a foer s^d Shall have full power to procuer boerds naiels bricke and glas and what Eals may bee judged needfull for the bulding and finnishig of the s^d howes att the Townes Cost and Charg

wee whoes names bee vnder written being choes to agree with m^r simes a bout the maner of paying of him his salary yearly and his wood and a Cordingly wee went to m^r Simes and did agree with him to beegin his year with vs the .27th. of Aprill 1701: which was the least Sabath in Aprill also wee did then agree to pay him fifteen pounds Euery quarter of the year and his wood att tow sesons in the year one half bee brought to his hous at or befoer the first of July the other half of his wood at or befoer the first of Jenewary folowing yearly also wee did agree to haue a Contribusion once a month yearly and whot is then by the Towen givenen shall bee put in to papers and to bee Seat ofe for part his Reat wee beeing Choesan by the Towen of Boxford to doe this seruic for the Town as appears on Record as witnes our hands this .25th. of Aprill .1701:

* was voted by the Town as attest
 * * then(?) * * *
 * * * rk of Boxford

John pebody
 Thomas Pearly
 Josaph Bixbe

Att a legal Towen meting hild in Boxford the .27. of April 17 * *

The Towen Choes Joseph Pebody sener moderater for the day

also the Towne Choes Leftenant pearly Representative for the year 1702

also the Towne Choes five men to bee a Commety to meet with Topsfield men to Straigh[t]en the lieen from Leftenant pearlyes appeltree in Leftenant pearlyes field to the heep of Stoens and a Stack at the north East Corner of m^r Backer farm so Called which lyeth in Boxford and from thenc to the Dam or Cofweay over hafekey medow and so to the fishing broock as the Revelat Runs in to the fishing brock and so af the fishing broock Runs in to the River

this Commety above Said have full power to Settlet with Topsfild a Cording as the genaral Court have ordered it to bee :

and the names of this Commety bee af followeth Insien John pearly John Androus John Eames Epharam Courtis and John pebody

Also the Towne voted to give m^r Simes Leberty to Seet vp a pew in the East Corner of the meeting howes for his wief to Seet in on the Sabeth day

Also the Towne voted that the Selact men Should lay a Reat of Six pound in money to by what is wanting to finnish the ministers howes

At a legal Towne meting hild in Boxford the .19th. of Juen 1702.

the Towne Choes Ensien John perly moderator for the day

the Towne Choes Leftenant Thomas pearly and John pebody to answer Topsfilds petesion att the genaral Court when the Court will bee plesad to grant Topsfield a hering

the Towne Choes John pebody Sargent bixbee and Josaph heall to draw up a Request to the honerad genaral Court that thaier may bee a Commety of .3. men to Com and See the liens Run a Cording to the general Courts grants both to Ipswich and Rowly

Juen the .24. 1702. at a meeting of the Commety Chosen by Boxford to Joyen with Bradford selact men to settlet the lien between the a hove s^d towens the names of Boxford Commety wear Leftenant John Pebody and Ensien John perly Sargent Josaph Bixbee: the names of

Bradford select men wear Corporal Robert haseltien and Thomas Kimbol and Samuel Tenney thay doe agree that a (pine?) tree Shal bee the bounds standing a vpon Andover lien and so to a black oak tree marked standing upon the South west End of John Simmonses field and thenc to a whit oak tree marked standing near the Cuntry Road as it goeth by the hous that was John pickards desesad and from thenc to a white oak tree marked with an ·S· & a ·K· & a P with a heap of Rocks a bout it.

John Pebody Robart haseltin Thomas Kimball John perly Josaph Bixbe Samuel Tenney : a trew copey as attest John pebody Clark for Boxford

At a legal towen meting held in Boxford the 10th of march * * * *

the Towne Chos Leftenant pearly moderator for the day also Chos John Pebody Town Clark for the year in-sewing voted

also Choes Thomas Pearly Jun Constabel for the year in sewing voted

and the Select men bee as foloweth Choes for the year in sewing Clark Sammucl Simonds Corporal daniel wood Josaph heall John Andrus and John Stiels also to be assesars for the yer insewing

also Ensien hazen is Chosen town Trasurer for the year insewing

also Sargent Bixbee and Josiah Bridges bee Chosen tithing men

also Timothy Dorman is Chosen to Searue apon the grand Juary the year insuing

also Ensien hazen is chos to saru on the Jury of trials this next Court to bee houlden at Ipswich

also Jonathan foster and Joseph Pebody Juner bee Choes Servaiers for the year in Sewing: also the Towne Choes Thomas Radington and John Buswill feanc Vewars for the year in sewing

also Ensien John pearly and Sargent Josaph Bixbee and John pebody bee Chose a Commety to seattil bowends between Bradford and Boxford being hear by fully Impow-erad by the town for that Searuis also to settel the north Eastwardly Corner of boxford bounds with Rowly Com-mety

also Choes lefte^{nt} John Pebody Scowel master teal a nother be Chosen in his Rouem

propofales how to procuer teen acors of land for m^r Thomas Simes the Towen also giues to the Selact men Chosen for the insewing year 1701/2 to agree with the ouenars and propriators that oweneth the Land that lyeth between Abraham Radingtons hous and ould goodman fosters hous and our meting houes and the Towen gives the Selact men a bove s^d full power to agree with ouenars of the s^d land and to give them billes for the payment for the s^d land and also to tack a deed of s^d Land in the Towns behalf and to give m^r Thomas Simes a deed a Cordingly as the Towen hath voted vnto m^r Simes in Ceas hee tacks offis a pon him to bee our minister its to bee vnder Stood that the Towen oblig themsealves to pay the money that shall bee ingeaged by the Selact men for the Land afoer -s^d- whoes names aer as foloweth Samuell Simond Sener daniel wood Josaph halle John Andrus John Stiels : voted by the Towne of Boxford as attes John Pebody Towen Clark for Boxford

At a legal Towen meeting hild in Boxford the .21. of July 1702

1. the Towen ||agread and:|| voted that Leftenant pearly and John pebody which bee chosen to answer Topsfilds petesion shall haue libarty to Improue ||at the Towns Cost|| a man or tow : to assist them in the manigment of ||the|| defirenc beetwen Topsfild and Boxford Ralating to Topsfildes petesion for a nother hering at the genaral Court The Towen Choes Sargent Josaph Bixbee moderator for this meeting voted

.2. the Towen ||have|| agreead and voted to a low Eaight Scoer pound towards this houes bult for the minnister Eaighty pound ||of it|| in silver money and the other Eaighty pound in paye as money and this hous is in lew of the hous that the Towen voted to bueld for m^r Thomas Simes bearing date the 4th of April 1701 :

3 : the Towen have a greead and voted ||that|| the Selact men shall deliuer this hous now bult for the minnister to m^r Thomas Simes in lew of the hous the Towen voted to bueld for m^r Simes in the condesion that it is now in with all that is agreead for ||to finnish s^d hous|| upon the Town voted to give it tow m^r Thomas Simes

At a Townen meting hild in Boxford the 16th of September 1702.

the Townen Choes Zecheus Cortis moderator for the day : also Choes John Eames Jury man for the next Court to be houlden att newbery.

[The record of the following meeting is by Joseph Bixby.]

At A law Full townen meting held in Boxford Dacember the 15 : 1702 the tow(n) chos in sin hazzan modarator for the day alfo the tow(n) chos Four men to tak the full care Confarning and prouiding For the Fast and ordaine- atyon of m^r Sims and thar nams be as Folloeth william Foster Infin Pearlay Liutanant Parlay Clark Simuns all fo the tow(n) voted to Pay the charg in that a Faire

[The records are continued by Mr. Peabody, as follows:]

At a legal Townen meting in Boxford the Sixteenth day of fabewary 1702/3 the Townen Choes willim faster Rep- resentive for the Townen of Boxford this Sasion or Sa- sions also John Andrus is chosen moderator for the pres- ant meting

At a legal Townen meting hild in Boxford the .21. of July 1702: the Townen have agreed and voted that the Select men Shall deliver this hous now bult for the min- nister to m^r Thomas Simes in lew of the hous the Townen voted to buld for m^r Simes in the Condesion that it is now in with all that is a greead for to finnish s^d houes upon the Condesiones the townen voted to give it to m^r Thomas Simes

we whoes names aer undr written doth order m^r Sam- uel Simonds to deliver the hous a bove mensioned to m^r Thomas Simes a Cording to Townen voat

daniel wood John Andros John Stiels Josaph hall Select men of Boxford

Boxford July .22nd. 1702 : I then Resaived posasion of the hous bult for mee in this Townen : of m^r Samuel Si- monds orderad to deliver it to me by the Select men ac- cording to the tenner of the Townen vot Refering to Said house past July .21. in the year a bove said

I say Resaived by me

Thomas Simes

Recorded february the 19th 1702/3: by me John Pebody ||Town|| Clark

the Select men of Boxford being met to gather the 25th of novembr 1702 to lay out hy waies in the Towne of Boxford and a cordingly wee have laied out a towen hy waye from Jacob pearlyes land as the path now leads from Jacob pearlyes houes to Thomas hazens hous and so on from the s^d hazenn as the path now is: to the west sied of a hil by daniel woods houes from thenc to the wast End of the fst woods field and on by the feanc Sied to andovar Road from thenc on a Straight lien to the wedow pebodyes field and so a long by the fenc Sied to the s^d wedowes bearn thenc on as the path now lieth to the meting houes this Road is not to Exsed tow Rod wied: also a nother hy waye beeginning at the open Road this lyeth to Topsild and lyeth a cros the Ridges from Timothy dormans land to the north East Corner of blacksould orchard from thenc on a Straight lien to the East End of a littel hill in blaks field which now belongeth to John Andrus and Josaph Andrus from thenc a long the ould path over the hilles called Langlyes hills as the trees be now marked to the northerly Corner of Samuel Simonds land and so on southerdly to Samuel Simonds houes and so thenc to a bridg over fishing broock thenc to a marcked tree Standing by the fenc thenc ||in|| the most convenientest ground to Epharam Cortises field to tow poplers marked thenc to the west sied of the s^d Cortises dwelling howes: and so a long by his fenc as the south west Corner of his stoen wall: thenc a long the cart way twelve Rods: thenc torning south westerdly to a cart waye that goeth ouer the Swamp a bout twelve Rod a bove the Caswey: thenc a long by the Swamp as the marked trees lead to the ould Road and thenc a long the seam Road to the Caswey ouer ||the|| Inland medowes thenc to the houes of Samuel Simonds Juner

as witnes our hands the select men of Boxford

Samuel Symonds¹

Daniell Wood¹

Joseph Hale¹

John Stils¹

¹ Autographs.

the selectmen that layed out the hy way from Timoth(y) dormans feld to yong Samuell Simons hous : haue a pon sacond thouts and better consedarations mouing them thair to haue alterad the a boue s^d hy way from a Cart way to a hors way only :

as attest John pebody Townen Clark who Recorded the a boue s^d cart way at the desier of the Select men

also from Jacob pearlyes hous to the meting hous or hy way by Roburd Stiels hous shal be only a priuet hors way and the Select men doe also agree that thaier shal bee hors geats mead in Ephoram Cortises land in fouer places if thaier be need of so ||maney|| geats in his land : at the Towns cost also thair shal bee hors geats from Jacob pearlyes hous to Robard Stieles hous whear thaier shal be need of anney geats also upon the Towns cost and charges : which wee Judg dew Recompenc for the land

At a legal Townen meting hild in Boxfor[d] the .9th. of march 1702/3

the Town Choes Ensien Thomas hazen moderator for the presant meting

also Choes John pebody Townen Clark for the yer in-sewing voted

also mosis tiler is Chosen Constabel for the year in-sewing voted

also the Townen have chosen .5. Select men and thaier names be as foloweth : John pebody Ensien Thomas hazen Jonathen foster Samuel Simons ||juenr|| and Timothy Dorman voted and to be assesars this year

also the Townen have chosen Richard kimbol and Timothy foster to be fenc vewars for the year in sewing :

also the Townen Choes Abraham ||Radington|| and david wood ||thay|| should bee saruaiors of hy waies for the year in sewing

also the Townen Choes Corpral Kimbol Jonathen Bixbe titthingmen for the yer

also the Townen choes Ensien Thomas hazen Townen treasurer for the yer

also Sargent Bixbe is chosen grand Juryman for the year in sewing

also Jacob pearly is chossen to Sarve on the Jury of tryals next cort at Ipswich

also Ebenezer Sharin and Jaremy pearly shal be fild

drivers or hawards for the year in sewing al thes men a bove mensioned wear voted by the Townen to Searve in thaier seueral plases that thay be chosen for this next year in sewing

also the Townen haue Choes .5. men to seat parsons in the meting hous and thair names be as foloweth john Pebody Leftenant pearly Sargent Bixbee John Andras and Jonathan foster and the Town doth leaue thes men to thair ouen discrason and prudenc in the matter : and thoes that wil not sit in thair seats that thes men shal appoint ||them|| may Justly be coled brackers of: good order: and have a fien layed upon them that will sit forwerder then thay shal be seted

also the Select men Choes for the year in Sewing ||1703|| have giuen the Townen Clark and the Constabel thaier oathes to thaier Respective ofises : also have giueen Jonathan Bixbe Richard Kimbol Timoth[y] foster Abraham Radington thair oathes to thair Respective ofises for the year in sewing : also Josaph Andrus Commesioner : Samuel Simonds Josaph heall John Andrus and John Stiels ye(?) ould Select men orderad by the Court to attend the commesioner ||that|| the Townen have chosen to carey downe the Town Ratabel Esteat to Salem thair to be Compared

At a legal Townen meting hild in boxford the 20th of April 1703

the Townen Choes Ephoram Cortis moderator for the presant meting :

also the Townen have Choes Josaph Andrus to be the Commesinor to Joyen with the leat Select men to tack a trew account of al Ratebal Esteat poulis and faccuelties : also the Townen have voted to buld a pound and ||to|| set it vp betwen the meting houes and Abraham Radingtons houes wher the Select men shal agree tow : for the ves of the whoel Townen at the Townens Cost

also the Townen voted to pay John Andrus and Josaph Andrus .26. Shillings out of the Townen tresurey assouen as conveniently may be and in so doing thay doe Consent that thaier shal be gats set up throw thair land wher thaier is need of them and if thaier be no damig dun in theier land in one yers tiem then thes waies may stand longer

the .26. shillings a boue voted to be payed to John and Josap[h] Andrusen is a cordingly payed to them by Constabel Thomas perly

At a legal Townen meting hild in Boxford the Elaventh of may 1703 :

the Townen Choes Leftenant pearly moderater for the presant meting voted

Also the Townen voted to set the minnisters wood at .4. shillings a cord in money and ol that wil not pay thair shear of wood must alow after that Rat in money

also the Townen voted that the presant Select men this present year 1703 Shall Call all the former constabels and colectars to an account how thay have disposed of al the money layed in thaier years for to gather for the ves of the Townen such as have not alredy discharged what was thair Just dew to doe

Also the Townen have pased a vot that thay bee Satisfied with the bargin ||that|| the Commety mead with ||the|| Indiens namly masconominats sucfesers Samuel Ingles and Josaph Inqlash and john vmpee the grand children of masconomenat sagemor of aggawom and by thes presants doe Ratifi the s^d bargin by a unanims vot of the Townen

also to pay tow shillings by the hundred moer or les as the Commety ||a for sad|| have alredy preporsioned it : ||also|| voted thair Exeptenc of that which is dun in it be paid for by the townen

also the Townen voted that John pebody and Josiah Bridges shal be the colectors to gather the money of the persons ||that live|| in the ||town|| and of thos out of ||the|| townen that have land in the Townen of Every ||one or|| man his Eaquel share at the Rat of tow shilling a hundred and proporsinabel for moer or les

also the Townen voted to send Leftenant perly (?) to the general Court this presant yer 1703 to sarue as a Representative for the Townen of Boxford in the great and general assembly

also wher as the Townen haue chosen the Select men for the year 1703 to call al the constabels and colecters to give them ||an|| account of the money orderad them to gather for the ves of the Townen in thair several years that Each man sarved : and for what arears aer yet beehien the

Towen doth fully Impower the s^d Select men to Isshew out warents to the presant constabel to mack distres upon ||the constables and coleactrs that wer formerly in Boxford|| Constabel or Constabels Colecter or Colectares for what money thay have not gathered which was by law Recoverabel in their Respective years

also for what money thay haue gatherad which is not Improved for the ues and banifit of the Towne ||as it should haue ben don|| : thay obsarving the diraction of the law in tha prosedings in al such affaiers which will bear them harm les voted

Resaived of Zecheus Cortis former constabel of Boxford the Sum of Six pounds tow Shillin and tow penc in Cash it being so much commeted to him by the Select men of Boxford to Colact for the County of Essix 10^{mo} : 17 day 1702

Resaived by John Appelton

County tresuerer

a trew copy

At a legal Towne meting hild in Boxford the .21. of Juen 1703 :

the Town Choes Josaph Andrus moderater for the day voted

also the Towne have Choes .5. men whoes names bee af foloweth Leftenant pearley Zecheus Courtis John pebody ||Ensien thomas hazen|| Zarubbebel Endicot and John Eames : which aer a Commety fulley Impowred to a gree if thay see Caues : with a Commety Chosen by Topsfild a bout the bouends between the Townes and if thes Commeties doe not a gree then wee doe Impower our Commety to Joien with Topsfilds Commety in the Choies of a Commety to End the defiranc that is between Topsfild and Boxford Relating to Towne bouends the Commety so chosen by the Commeties of Each Towne having full power to desied the a foer s^d defirenc thay tacking the genaral Couert grants for thair Rewel to Judg by : in thair determination of s^d defirenc : also it is a greead and voted by the Towne of Boxford that in Ceas the Commetyes of the tow Townes a foer s^d doe a gree to Eand the afoer s^d defirenc a monge them selves thair a ward

shal be a full End of s^d defirenc as far as Boxford is Concernad and if thay should not a gree and it bee left to a Commety Chosen by the Commety of Each Towne the a ward of s^d Commety shal bee a final End of thir defirenc so far as Boxford is concerned: thay tacking the grants a foer s^d for thair diraction in this matter: also it is farther voted by the Towne of Boxfor[d] that in Ceas s^d townen doe not stand tow and a bied by the a ward or detarmination of the a fore s^d Commeties or Commety Chofen by them: then the Towne of Boxford doe for fit to the Towne of Topsfild the sumb of a thowsend pound: also it is farther voted that in Ceas our Commety shal Enter in to a thowsend pound bond to the Towne of topsfild or thair Commety then the Towne of Boxford doe a gree to hould thaier owen Commety Choes for the Sarvis a foer s^d indemnified: the Towne of Topsfield did obgact a gainst Zerobobal Endicot thairfoer the Towne of Boxford have Chosen Ensien hazen in the Rouem of m^r Endicoat for the afoer s^d servis: at a legal Towne meting hild in boxford the .22. of fabewary 1703/4:

as attest John pebody Clark

also the Towne pased a voat to alow Sixten pound one shillin for the Expencis a bout the fast and ordonation of m^r Simes and m^r Simes is indeated to the Towne one pound tow shillin of it

also the Towne voted to alow Leftenant perlyes bill a mounting to the sumb of Elaven pound seventeen shilling Six pene

also to allow what money thay should spend that shall goe to the governer to Carey a petesion to Reles our Towne from Relesing Afer Carey which other wies our Towne must haue dun

To mosis tiler Constable of Boxford

thes aer to Requier you in her majesties name forth with to warn the wief of Afer carey to depart out of our Towne to the place of hir former Residenc the Selact men of Boxford not allowing her to Resied in our Towne dated

the ·22· of october 1703 as witnes our hands the Select men of Boxford :

Recorded on fiell

in Court at Salem

november 30th 1703

John pebody Thomas hazzen

Jonathen foster Timothy darman

Select men of Boxford :

Examined : as attest Stephen Sewel Clerk

October the ·26· 1703 : in obediance to this warent I haue warned the wief of After Carey to depart out of Boxford and not to Com in to it a gaien as an inhabitant as witnes my hand

Mosis Tiler

Constabel of Boxford

Copah vera of the oreganal on fiell

as attest Stephen Sewel Clerk

at a general Sasions of the peec houlden at Salem no- uembr the 30th 1703

Stephen Sewall

The select men of Boxford having Retorned to this Couert a warrent with a retorn thair on of warning the wief of Afer cary out of the said Towne is filed up with this Couert as the law diracts a Cordingly

Copia vera Stephen Sewel Clark

al this a boue written is a trew Copia of what Standeth on fiell on Court Record in Salem Court Records as it was giueen in to mee

John Pebody Towne Clark of Boxford

Essix ss. to the Constable of Boxford in said County of Essix greting

Complaint beeing mead to mee frances wainright on of her majestis Justeec of the peac for said County by Lef- tanent John pebody one of the select men of Boxfor[d] a foer s^d : that Sarah Ceary an inhabitant of Ipswich in s^d County is Com into the afore s^d Towne of Boxford Shee beeing a poer body demanding Relef of the Select men of Boxford afoer s^d and thay not beeing a bliged by law to grant Releef to her Shee being an inhabitant as afoer said

Thes thairfoer are in her majesties name to Requier you to aprehand the person of the s^d Sarah Carey if shee may bee found with in your Township of Boxford a foer saied and her Conuay to the Selact men of Ipswich afoer s^d: or to one of the ouer seears||of the poer|| of said townen of Ipswich and her the s^d Sarah Carey you aer to leaue with Eaither of them to wit the Selactmen of Ipswich or over-sears as afoer s^d: that so shee may bee provided for with conueniant Releef a Cording as the law provides her of you aer not to faiel of your duty hear in: and for youer so doing this shal bee youer sofesiant warent

giueen undr my hand dated in Ipswich desamber the
·16th· 1703 In the Sacond yer of her majesties Raien

Frances Wainwright

a trew Copey of a warent giueen by Justis waineright
as attes John pebody Town Clark.

Racned with Zecheus Cortis as hee was our Constabel and wee fiend the Townen to bee Eaight Shillings in his deat upon the Townen Reats the Eaight Shilling was for paying so much for m^r Endicoat in the townen Reat

as attest John pebody one of the Selact men for the yer
1703 that Recond with him

also the Selact men for the year 1703 Racned with Josaph haill as hee was the Constable for the Reats Com-meted to him togethar in his year and wee fiend him to bee six pound and fortien shillings in the Townens deat or thair a bouts: as attest John pebody Clark and one of the Selact men that Racned with him

At a legal Townen meting hild in boxford the ·22· of
february 1703/4

The Townen Choes qutermaster wood moderater for the
day.

the Townen voted a bill for Leften perly amounting to
11—17—6 which is set downen on the other sied of this
leaf

The selact men of Boxford mead tow Contrys Rats the
·8th· of october 1703 Each Reat a mounting to the Sum of
Sixty nien pound fue shilling to be paid to the Treasurer
and the ouer plush of the Reat to the Lef John pebody

also minister Rat amounting to the Sum of 60 £—00^s—00^d

also the select men mead a Reat to pay sum Towne Charges amounting to the sumb of thirty pounds five Shilen six pence

of this Towne Reat to Leftenant pearly is to bee paid
11—05—0

to Lefttent pebody the sumb of fortien pound Eaitten Shill
4—18—0

to m^r william foster the sumb of two pound Elaven
02—11—0

to Josaph Andrus on pound to John Andrus 7^s both is
01—07—0

as attest John pebody Clark and one of the Select men also the select men mead a Couenty Reat the 8th of octobr 1703 a mounting to the sumb of five pound three Shilings sixpence al thes Reats aboue spesified wear deliverad to our Constable mosistiler to gather them and to deliver the money to all the persons above named ||to|| Each man thair Just sumb or sumes as is aboue spesified as attest John Pebody Towne Clark and one of the Selectmen for the yer 1703.

At a lawfull Towne meting hild in boxford march 14th 1703/4

The Towne Choes Leftenant pearly moderator for the day

also the Towne Choes Lef John Pebody Towne Clark for the year 1704

also the Towne Choes John Andrus for the year in sewing to be thair Constabel

also the Towne Choes Lef pearly Sargent bixbee Abraham Radington Josaph Andros and Josiah Bridges Select men for the year in sewing: and assesars the yer in sewing

also Corpral Kimbol is Choes grand Jury man for the yer in sewing:

also the Towne Choes Zecheus Cortis to serue on the Jury of trials next Cort

also the Towne Choes Thomas Jewet Jonathan foster and Samuel Simonds Juner to be tithing men for the yer in sewing

also the Towne Choes moses tiler Corporal pebody and John how servaiers for hy waies for the yer in sewing

also the Town Choes Josaph heall and nathaniel pearly fenc vewers for the yer insewing

hear is an Account of thoes men that haue tacken thair Respective oathes to the faithful discharg of thair ofises for the yer 1704

John Andrus Constebel: moses Tiler and Corporal pebody servaiers of the hywaies Josaph heal fenc vewar: Jonathan foster tithing man: as attes Joseph Bixbee Clark for the day and now hear set dowe[n]d by John pebody Townen Clark

John peabody Townen Clark is sworn to his ofises: also Leftⁿ pearly Sargent bixbee Abraham Radington and Josiah bridges bee sworn assasers for this yer 1704

At a Townen meting hild in Boxford the 16th of may 1704:

The Townen Choes Leften perly moderator for the presant meting

also Choes Samuell Simonds sen^r to sarue the yer in sewing for a Repesantitive

At a Townen meting hild in Boxford the 15th of desamber 1704:

The Townen Choes Sargen Bixbee modarator for the day

hear is an account of thoes men in Boxford that haue tacken thair oathes to the faithful discharg of thair Respective ofises that thay bee Chosen to searve in this year 1705: John Pebody Townen Clark ||sworn|| allso John Stiels and Jacob Pearly Constabels ||and sworn|| also John Pebody Zecheus Cortis Nathaniel pearly and Joseph Pebody Juener ||are sworn|| assasers for the yer insewing

Resaiued of m^r Samuel Simonds and m^r Zecheus Cortis the wholl of my salery for the year 1701: the 14 of September 1702: by mee

Thomas Simes

this is a trew copey of the Resait m^r Thomas Simes gaue to Constabel Zacheus Cortis the 14th of september 1702: as attest John pebody

Constabel Thomas perly payed to mr Simes Sixty pound in money for the year 1702: which is the whoel of his salery Exsept the wood

also Constabel perly payed to the Cuntry trasurer

34^l—04^s—00^d

At a legal Towne meting hild in Boxford the 13th of march 1704/5 :

The Towne Choes Insien hazzen moderator for the presant meting :

also the Towne Choes Leften John pebody Towne Clark for the yer Insewing

also the Towne voted to Choues tow Constabels for the yer insewing and a Cordingly have choes John Stiels and Jacob perly for to bee thair Constabels for the year Insewing

and the Selact men bee as followeth Lef John Pebody Joseph pebody Jun dauid wood nathaniel pearly : and Zecheus Courtis voted and to be assesars

also Jonathan foster is chosen to searve on the Jury of trials next Court to be houlden at Ipswich : also Josaph ||heal|| is chosen grand Jur[y]man this year

also ||choes|| Corporal Kimbol Sargent pearly Timothy foster Tithing men this year ensewing

also Samuel foster david pebody Jarimyah perly and loouck houey aer Chasen seruaiers of high waies the year in sewing

also voted by the Towne that Ensien hazen shal be Towne trasurer for the year insewing :

also Thomas Jewet and Iseack perly be chosen fenc vewars ||for the year insuing||

also voted by the Towne to paye to m^r Simes Eaight pound by the year yerly for seven year to gather after the deat her af in good provesion ||in lew of the wood for m^r Simes|| at money pries and to be payed by the last of november Every year yearly teall the seuan years bee Expired and then the voat for the wood to tack place a gaien as befoer voted

At a meting of the Towne of Boxford by an a Jorment ||from the 13th of march 1704/5|| to the 3^d of April ||1705|| and then meat and the moderator not being at the meting the Constabel Stiels did cary on the work of the day by putting things to voat : 1 : the Towne voted to alow twenty shilling this year 1705 to that man that shal keep the Kee of the meting houes and ||to|| open ||and|| shut the doers on al publick metings in sutabel tim and to swep the meting hous as often as theaier is ocation :

also the ||touden|| choes Leftⁿ John pebody to be a Scouel master for this year: also Choes Richerd Kimbol and Robart Stiels to bee hewards this yer insewing

At a legal Towne meting hild in Boxford the 30th of October 1705

the Towne Choes quartermaster wood modirator for the presant meting and by Resan of our not agreing to act townen bisenas we have a Jorne the meting to the first tewesday in november next at .3. a clock after nowen

John Andrus Constabel of Boxford brought six Resaiets to bee Recorded which Resaites wear all of them sined by Jaremyah allen Clark of the provenc Tresurer and thay all did a mount to the sum of 138^l—10^s—0 and the last Resaight I have her set downen as it is worded in the Resait

Resaiued of m^r John Andrus Constebal of Boxford nienten pound thirten shillings and Eaigh[t] penc in full

Resaiued for m^r jaems Tayler Tresurer boston October: 9th—1705

a trew Copey of what is in the Resaight as attes John pebody Towne Clark

At a legal Towne meting hild in Boxford the .5th. of fabewary 1705/6

first the Towne Choes Josaph heall moderator for the presant meting

all so the Towne voted to send thes folowing preposials to Topsfield to inviet them to Joyen with us in agreeing to Choues a Commety to End our long defirenc if thay ples

Boxford fabewary .5. 1705/6: from the Towne of Boxford to the Towne of Topsfield gentielmen sum tiem sene wee sent to youer selact men to desier them to come and Preamilize with us upon the lien betwen our Townes: and thay sent us word that thay did not account thair was anney lien settled to preamilieze upon: but wear willing to Joyen with us in settling a lien if wee Could contrive anney Rasianel way for that End whearfoer wee have thout it conueniant to mack you this offer that if you see caues to Joyen with us in Chouesing a Commety of sutabl persones to doe that worck for us wee aer freely ||willing|| to Joyen with yow and wee pray that you will mack us a Return whether you will tack up with theas officers and wee think it Rasionel and Cristian lick: or if

you can mack us a beatter wee hope wee shall not be backward to exsapt of anney Rasional preposiales ||to End our defirenc in love|| :

voted by the Towen as attest John Pebody Towen Clerk

also voted by the Towen to bueld a houes for the pooer of the Towen and to seat it vpon that parsel of land devotad for the ves of the Towen whear our meting houes doth stand : and the demensions of the houes a bove saied is as followeth it is to bee thorty foout in lenth and fouer-teen foout in bradth and six foout stud with a convenient sealler vnder one Eand of it : also the Towen have Chosen three men to a gree with sum man or men of our Towen to bueld and finish this a bove saied houes and sealler according to the sound discrecion of thes three men undr named vpon the Towns Cost and Charg

the names of this Commety for this seruise bee Thomas Jeweat Jacob pearly and david Pebody : and this work is to bee dun by the last of Juen nex in sewing the deat hear of dated fabewary the 5th. 1705/6

All the Towen officers chosen the 12th day of march in boxford to searue for the year 1706 have tacken thair oathes to thair Respective offices Exsepteing the townen tresurer which hath not as yeat

as attest John pebody Towen Clark

At a legal Towen meting hild in Boxford the 26th of fabewary 1705/6

The townen Choes Corpral John Andrus moderator for the presant meting

also the Towen did allow several bills of Charg for money Expended for the Towns seruise ; to m^r Endicot for money layed out at boston and and Cambridg for the Towen 02—12—0

also for John Eames for money Expendad at Cambridg for the Towen 00—17—0

also to John Stiels for Keeping of the Keea and sweping the meting hous 01—00—0

also Thomas Radington twenty shilling for sweping the meting hous 01—00—0

also the Towen did alow John Pebody all that s^d pebody Read in the town meting being seat downen in s^d

pebodys owen bouk of accounts Exsept ·6^s· that hee saith
he deliverad to John Eames: but ||s^d|| Eames denyeth
him and wil not owen it

also to william foster it was a lowed for sweping the
meting hous on yer 01—00—0

also to Josaph pebody was a lowed for sweping the met-
ing houes on yer 01—00—0

also Towne Choes Ensien hazzen Sargent bixbe and
Zerobebabel Endicot to vew a pees of land that John wood
desirad of the Towne lying in the Eastwardly corner of
the pasnig farm and to mack Retorn to the townen what thay
did Estem s^d land to bee worth voted

at a legal Towne meting hild in Boxford the ·12th· day
of march 1705/6

the Towne Choes Leften Pearly moderator for the pres-
ant meting voted

also Timothy dorman is Choes Cunstabel for the yer in
sewing for the south sied of the townen

also Job Tiler is Choes Cunstabel for the yer in sewing
for the north sieed of the town

also John pebody is Choes Towne Clark for the year in
Sewing

also Ensien hazzen is Choes Select man for the yer
1706 and al so assesar for 1706 also dauid wood and Rich-
ard Kimbol and Samuel Simonds sener and Jonethen Bix-
be Choesen select men and assesars for the year in-
sewing 1706: voted to searu accordingly

also the Towne Choes Thomas Jueat for a grand Jur[y]-
man for the year in sewing

also Insien hazen is chosen Touen Trasurer for the
year in sewing

also John Stiels and Louck houey aer Chosen tithing
men for the year 1706

also nathaniel pebody frances Eallit and Robart Stiels
be choesen seruayers for 1706

also Jarymyah perly and John wood aer Chosen fenc
vewares for the yer 1706

also dauid pebody is Choes to saru upon the Jury of
tryals next Cort at Ipswich

also the Towne voted to giue gorg Bixbe twenty shill-
ing for this year 1706 to Keep the Kee of the meting hous

and to swep it and open and stet¹ the dors and to lay ||it
in the first Reat||

also voted by the Towen that thaier bee a Commety Chosen
to make inquirey whether thaier is no land lying conven-
iant for the ves of the miniestry that may ||be|| Exchanged
by the Towen for the whoell or a peart of the personeg
which Commety shal forth with ingage in that affaier and
mack thaier Report of thaier doings to the Towenas souen
as may bee and also thay shall make inquirey whether
thaier be anney land convenient for that End to bee soueld
and mack Report to the Towen of thair doings thair in

also voted by the Towen that peart ||of|| or the whoel
pasnege farem shall bee Exchanged for sum land in sum
other place Conueniantly for the ves of the menistry if an
apertunity presant that the Towen shal approue of:

also the Towen Choes three men to bee a Commety to
mack inquirey whether thaier bee anney land to be Ex-
changed: for all or peart of the pasneg or to be souel for
the ves of the menistry if non Can be Exchanged

also whear as Topsfield haue Intuimated ||to|| us that
thay haue Chosen a Commety to agree if it be posiabel
with a Commety Chosen by our towen a bout a deuiding
lien betwen our towens wee in answer to them haue
chosen leiut pebody Ensien hazzen and ||John|| Eames
to bee a Commety to meet with Topsfiles commety a
foer s^d and doe giue them full power to agree with them
in the||matter|| afoer s^d if it bee posiabel and also wee
giue them full power to Joyen with them in anney other
methord of Issewing that defaranc if thay see caues and
wee oblige our sealues to stand tow and abied by what
Ever thay shal doe in that matter: also the Towen choes
Leftn John pebody scowel master for the year in sewing
•1706•

¹Shut.

ISAAC ESTY OF TOPSFIELD AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

BY GAY ESTY BANGS.

THE first mention in America of the name Esty, or as it is otherwise spelled "Estey, Este, Estee, Easte, Eastey, Easty," is in Salem, where one Jeffrey Esty was granted twenty acres of land in the year 1636. From the Essex County Registry of Deeds we copy the following: "23-6-1651, Jeffrey Esty hath sold the arbadge or after feeding of the five acre lot to Henry Bullock. The planting thereof was formerly granted to Nathaniel Bishop as by a writing dated the day and year above written." Also "A caveat recorded for William Dixie who bought of Jeffrey Estee thirty acres of upland for 30^s in Mackerell Cove. 6 Oct. 1651, the said Estee being out of this jurisdiction cannot yet be called to acknowledge same." In the year 1651, it seems, Jeffrey Esty had left Salem and was out of jurisdiction. The facts are that he removed to Long Island, settling for a time at Southold, thence to Huntington, and later to Little Neck, where he died Jan. 4, 1657. He made a will, without date, which was probated Jan. 23, following, and was written by Henry Scudder, his son-in-law. This will mentions a daughter Catharine and a son Isaac. Catharine married, first, Henry, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Scudder, of Salem, who made his will Jan. 25, 1661; second, Thos. Jones who settled at Huntington, making his will Feb. 16, 1669.

Isaac Esty, the son of Jeffrey, was born probably, in England, previous to the year 1630, and was quite young at the time of his father's settlement in Salem. He was a cooper by trade, and the following is the first reference to him that we have: "2-5-1653, Job Hilliard of Salem, fisherman, hath sold to Isake Esty of Salem, cooper, one house and land adjoining, being nearly half an acre

for 20 li. to be paid as follows. 6 li. on the 15th October next in Codfish or caske, 8 li. on the 15th October 1654 in fish or mackerel, 6 li. ye 15th October 1655, in fish or mackerel or Job to have the house and land again as by deed dated 19-5-1653."

Isaac Esty settled in Topsfield previous to 1660. In 1661, he was one of the commoners appointed to share in the Topsfield common land on the south side of Ipswich river. In 1664 he was rated at 19s. 6d., which was the ministers rate for that year and entitled him to a proportionate share in the division of the common land, those paying fifty shillings to have one of the greater shares, under fifty to twenty to have one of the middle shares, those under twenty to have one of the least shares; in 1669, in the casting of lots he was given the 15th share. In 1672, with Deacon Howlet, Lieut. Peabody, Joseph and Edmund Towne and Thomas Baker he was granted all the swamp meadow, lying upon Ipswich river, extending from the lower part of the Governor's meadow down to the bridge that goes over the river below old Goodman Towne's for a consideration of fifty pounds.

He was one of the selectmen of the town in 1680, '82, '86 and '88. In 1681, '84, '85, he was chosen juryman of trials at Ipswich, and in years 1691 and '96, he was chosen grand juryman; he also served as tything man, surveyor of highways and fences, and was a member of different committees of the town.

In 1677, he is called "senior," his son Isaac having become of age. In 1689 he is styled "Sargent" Esty. He was a member of the church, and one of the committee appointed to secure the services of Mr. Daniel Epps of Salem, as minister in 1681, and also to secure the services of Mr. Capen and to provide for the ordination. The church register for 1684 shows that Isaac Esty, wife and family, were members in full communion. He died at Topsfield, in the year 1712, leaving a will dated March 26, 1709, witnessed by John How, Abraham How, and Joseph Capen (the minister), which was probated June 11, 1712. It reads:

"In the name of God amen I, Isaac Estie senr. of Tops-

field in the County of Essex in New England Cooper being at this present of perfect understanding and memery but sensible of my Declining years have thought good to make sum disposal of my Temporal Estate as followeth Commending my soul into y^e hands of God y^e maker and Redeemer of it whenever it shall please God to take me hense and my body to desent Interment.

1. My will is y^t my son Isaac have all y^e land which he is already posest of being on y^e south side of Ipswich river which I reckon to be about forty acres of upland and four of meadow be it more or less. My will is y^t he & his heirs forever have y^e land aforesaid together with what he hath had of my movable estate.

2. As for my son Joseph my will is y^t besides what I have already Done for him about building or in Cattle or in purchasing Land which hath been Considerable — he shall have half of my wearing apparel at my Decease.

3. As for my son John he hath already what I intended for him in full & hath signified the same by writing under his hand.

4. As for my son Benjamin my will is y^t he and his heirs forever have y^e house & land adjacent, which I formerly designed for my son Joshua. My meaning is y^t he have y^e value of y^e said house and land y^t is what was sold for to my neighbor John Robinson together with the two cows which he hath had of me already which money for said House and Land he hath had already.

5. As for my son Jacob, my will is y^t he & his heirs forever have my now dwelling house, together with barn, and other buildings with my orchards, plow lands pasture lands and meadows not already otherwise disposed of together with all my Implements of husbandry, weaving or Copering also my will is y^t my son Jacob have y^e whole of my movable estate y^t shall be left at my decease he taking off & discharging my funeral expenses whom I do appoint sole Executor of this my last will whom I do appoint to pay my grandchild Sarah Gill ten pounds in pay not in money, nor as money, also my son Jacob and his heirs forever shall have all my right in cart or drift way as expressed by deeds.

6. As for my son Joshua for whom I procured a trade

and payde some debts for him, my will is y^t besides what I have already done for him he have at my decease y^t other half of my wearing apparel eaqually dividing y^e same with brother Joseph which is all I can do for him.

As for my daughter Sarah Irellan she had her full proportion out of my estate upon her marriage in Cattle bedding or otherwise.

As for my daughter Hannah I have on her marriage with George Abbot of Andover payed her y^e full of w^t I intended for her excepting twenty pounds in pay which I thought she should have at my decease payd her by my son Jacob, but inasmuch as my son Jacob hath payd her about seven pounds & ten shillings of y^e twenty pounds already there remains only about twelve pounds ten shillings in pay due to her by my son Jacob at or before or within one year of my decease and in testimony of ye * * * I y^e said Isaac Estie senr hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-sixth day of March in y^e year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & nine and in y^e seventh year of y^e reign of Anne of Great Brittain France & Ireland Queen.

Signed, sealed and declared
to be y^e last will of Isaac Estie senr
as above said in presence of us.

John How
Abraham How
Joseph Capen

Isaac Estie sen

Codicill.

Sarah Gill to have but five pounds.
twenty fourth day of January 1710/11.

Admitted to probate June 11, 1712.

Isaac Esty married Mary, daughter of William and Joannah (Blessing) Towne of Topsfield. She was born at Yarmouth, Norfolk Co., England, and baptized at St. Nicholus church, Aug. 24, 1634. We know but little of her life till 1692, when that terrible witchcraft delusion spread over Salem Village and vicinity. Among those to fall a victim was Mary Esty. Her sister Rebecca Nurse, about thirteen years older, had previously been accused,

found guilty and executed on July 19, 1692. Mary Esty was arrested April 21, 1692, kept in jail till May 18, when she was released. On May 21, a second warrant was procured and she was taken from her home at midnight, carried to Salem jail and placed in chains. She was tried, found guilty and condemned to death, and on the 22 of September, 1692, she was executed with seven others. She was the mother of nine children, a woman of sound judgment and exalted Christian character. In intelligence she was far in advance of her age, as the following petition, written while in prison, amply bears testimony:

The Humble Petition of Mary Easty unto his Excellency Sir William Phips, and to the Honored Judge and Bench now sitting in Judicature in Salem, and the Reverend Ministers, humbly sheweth, that, whereas, your poor and humble petitioner, being condemned to die, do humbly beg of you to take it in your judicious and pious consideration that your poor and humble petitioner, knowing my own innocency, blessed be the Lord for it! and seeing plainly the wiles and subtilty of my accusers by myself, cannot but judge charitably of others that are going the same way of myself, if the Lord steps not mightily in. I was confined a whole month upon the same account that I am condemned now for, and then cleared by the afflicted persons, as some of Your Honors know. And in two days' time I was cried out upon them, and have been confined, and now am condemned to die. The Lord above knows my innocency then, and likewise does now, as at the great day will be known to men and angels. I petition to Your Honors not for my own life, for I know I must die, and my appointed time is set; but the Lord he knows it is that, if it be possible, no more innocent blood may be shed, which undoubtedly cannot be avoided in the way and course you go in. I question not but Your Honors do to the utmost of your powers in the discovery and detecting of witchcraft and witches, and would not be guilty of innocent blood for the world. But, by my own innocency, I know you are in the wrong way. The Lord in his infinite mercy direct you in this great work, if it be his blessed will that no more innocent blood be shed! I would humbly beg of you, that Your Honors would be pleased to examine these afflicted persons strictly, and keep them apart some time, and likewise to try some of these confessing witches; I being confident there is several of them has belied themselves and others, as will appear, if not in this world, I am sure in the world to come, whither I am now agoing. I question not but you will see an alteration of these things. They say myself and others having made a league with the Devil, we cannot confess. I know, and the Lord knows, as will . . . appear, they belie me, and so I question not but they do others. The Lord above, who is the Searcher of all hearts, knows, as I shall answer it at the tribunal seat, that I know not the least thing of witchcraft; therefore I cannot, I dare not, belie my own soul. I beg Your Honors not to deny this my humble petition from a poor, dying, innocent person. And I question not but the Lord will give a blessing to your endeavors."

She asked not for her own life; only that other innocent blood might not be shed, and for this unconsciousness of self has been called "the self-forgetful." After sentence was executed Isaac Esty did not weakly submit to what seemed to be the inevitable, but with a keen sense of justice and a recognition of his duties to the martyred wife, he bore in mind the fact that upon him devolved the responsibility of doing all in his power to rescue her name from reproach and his children from disgrace. After nearly twenty long years had passed away he was in a measure successful; the petitions which he presented to the court were recognized; the verdict annulled, and twenty pounds granted him, in acknowledgment of the injustice of the previous decision.

Children:

2. ISAAC,³ b. about 1656.
3. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 5, 1657/8.
4. SARAH, b. June 30, 1660; m., 1st, Moses Gill of Amesbury, and had Sarah, bapt. May 3, 1691, and Benjamin, bapt. Sept. 27, 1691; m., 2nd, ——— Ireland.
5. JOHN, b. Jan. 2, 1662/3.
6. HANNAH, b. ——— 1667; d. Nov. 5, 1741, at Topsfield; m. July 21, 1707, George Abbot of Andover, being his second wife. No children.
7. BENJAMIN, b. Apr. 29, 1669.
8. SAMUEL, b. Mar. 25, 1672; d. before 1709; probably unmarried.
9. JACOB, b. Jan. 24, 1674/5.
10. JOSHUA, b. July 2, 1678; and d. before Apr. 25, 1718, when widow Abigail m. William Poole. Had dau. Mary, b. Jan. 12, 1701/2.

2 Isaac³ (*Isaac² Jeffrey¹*), born in Topsfield about 1656. His name appears with others who took the oath of allegiance and fidelity to Charles II. in Jan., 1677. In 1681 his minister's rate was seven shillings and one penny, his father's being one pound and three shillings, and his brother Joseph's seven shillings and nine pence. In 1689 and 1691, he was chosen one of the surveyors of highways, and in 1694 was chosen constable. In 1696 he was one of the selectmen of the town.

He left a will dated Mar. 16, 1713/14, which was probated May 3, 1714. Married Oct. 14, 1689, Abigail, daughter of John and Mary (Bradstreet) Kimball, who was born Mar. 22, 1667. She married, second, Apr. 25, 1718, William Poole of Reading.

Children :

11. MARY,⁴ bapt. Feb. 15, 1691/2; m. Sept. 10, 1713, John Perkins.
12. ABIGAIL, bapt. Jan. 8, 1692/3; m. May 22, 1712, Joseph Cummings, and died of small pox, Jan. 10, 1729/30.
13. SARAH, b. Oct. 4, 1694; m. Dec. 1, 1714, Capt. Joseph Cummings, and d. before 1751.
14. ISAAC, b. Nov. 20, 1696.
15. AARON, b. Feb. 16, 1698/9.
16. JACOB, b. June 28, 1700.
17. HANNAH, b. May 18, 1702; m. Jan. 5, 1720/1, Isaac Cummings.
18. RICHARD, bapt. Apr. 7, 1706; d. about 1784; m. May 7, 1728, Ruth, dau. of William and Mary Fiske of Ipswich, b. Oct. 18, 1709. He lived in Rowley until 1764, when he removed with three sons, John, Zebulon and Richard, to a settlement lately formed by New England colonists on the banks of the St. John river, New Brunswick, called Maugerville. Richard Esty was one of the signers of the original covenant of the Congregational church founded there. He left numerous descendants in N. B., and many now living in the U. S; W. P. Estey of Fredericton, and Jas. A. Estey of St. John, are among them.
19. REBECCA, bapt. Aug. 8, 1708; m. 1st, Nov. 12, 1729, Preserved Tucker of Stoughton; m. 2nd, Apr. 7, 1743, Matthias Puffer of Stoughton.
20. MOSES, bapt. Sept. 6, 1712; m. Sept. 8, 1736, Eunice Penguille. Removed to Enfield, Ct., in 1752, and in 1756 to Bucks Co., Pa., and later to New Jersey. He had one son, Capt. Moses, of Morristown, N. J., who was a soldier in the Revolution. The late Judge David Kirkpatrick Este of Cincinnati, Ohio, was a descendant, also Charles Esté of Philadelphia, Pa.

3 Joseph³ (*Isaac,² Jeffrey¹*), born in Topsfield, Feb. 5, 1657/8, surveyor of highways in 1683. About 1705 he removed with his family to a new settlement in Dorchester, that part now known as Stoughton. His name appears with that of his brother Benjamin as one of the signers of the original covenant of the church of which Rev. John Davenport was minister. In 1706 he obtained land of the Indians, some of which is now located in the town of Canton. In 1712 he conveyed seventy acres to his son Joseph Esty, Jr. He died at Stoughton, Oct. 25, 1739. He married Jane Steward June 2, 1682.

Children :

21. ISAAC,⁴ b. Mar. 12, 1682/3; d. Apr. 30, 1683.
22. MARY, b. Feb. 22, 1684.
23. JOSEPH, bapt. May 5, 1688/9; d. Feb. 6, 1765, at Stoughton; m. June 16, 1715, Experience Bennet of Dorchester; she d. Apr. 28, 1768. His son Joseph, b. Dec. 8, 1725, and grandson Joseph were soldiers in the Revolution from Stough-

- ton, and left descendants among whom were the late Hon. Edward S. Esty of Ithaca, N. Y., Willard F. Estey, of Lewiston, Me., and C. H. Esty of Brookline, Mass.
24. JACOB, b. Oct. 15, 1690; d. Apr. 1777, at Sharon, Mass. His wife Mehitable died June 16, 1770. Three sons, Jacob, John and Elijah, were soldiers in the Revolution from Sharon. Judge C. C. Esty of Framingham, Mass., is a descendant.
 25. SAMUEL, bapt. May, 1691; d. Dec. 25, 1779, at Sharon; m. June 16, 1718/19, Rebecca Hawes; she died Feb., 1780.
 26. ELIZABETH, bapt. March 13, 1691/2; m. June 12, 1712, Samuel Jackson of Dorchester.
 27. EDWARD, bapt. July 16, 1692/3; d. Nov. 6, 1789, at Canton; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Isaac Stearns. He is said to have been the first to make his home in Canton, in 1717 purchasing over 200 acres of land. He practised medicine to some extent and was known as Dr. Esty. Prof. W. C. Esty of Amherst College, I. Bruce Esty of New York City, Chas. Esty of Newton, Mass., and Edward Esty of Westmoreland, N. H., are descendants.
 28. LYDIA, b. Mar. 21, 1695/6.
 29. JOHN, b. Aug. 26, 1697.
 30. BENJAMIN, b. Oct. 9, 1701; d. Oct. 23, 1756; m. Apr. 1, 1725, Sarah Chandler; was corporal in the French war, and died in service at Lake George; administration papers were granted his widow Sarah, Apr. 29, 1757.

5 John³ (*Isaac*,² *Jeffrey*¹), born in Topsfield, Jan. 2, 1662/3. Settled in Middleton. He married, first, May 31, 1688, Mary, daughter of Thomas and Judith (Wood) Dorman and, second, ——— Hannah ———.

Children by Mary:

31. MARY,⁴ bapt. July 31, 1692.
32. HANNAH, bapt. Dec. 24, 1693; m. Apr. 10, 1718, at Salem, Jonathan Russel.

Children by Hannah:

33. SUSANNAH, b. Aug. 14, 1695.
34. JEMIMAH, b. Feb. 2, 1696/7.
35. NATHANIEL, bapt. Aug. 24, 1701; d. 1746, at Stow; m. Oct. 24, 1724, Ruth Goodale of Salem. Removed from Salem to Stow and had two sons, John and Asa, whose descendants are numerous, among whom are Hon. M. M. Estee of Cal. and James B. Estee of Milwaukee, Wis.
36. DAVID, bapt. May 4, 1707.
37. JONATHAN, bapt. May 4, 1707.
38. KEZIA, bapt. May 4, 1707.

7 Benjamin³ (*Isaac*,² *Jeffrey*¹), born in Topsfield, Apr. 29, 1669, where he resided until about 1705, when

he removed to Dorchester and purchased land of the Indians. In 1727, he settled in what is now Sharon, where he died March 28, 1750. His will mentions wife Mary, daughter Elizabeth Howard, and sons Benjamin and Ebenezer. He was a bricklayer by trade. He married, first, Apr. 9, 1702, Elizabeth, daughter of Wm. Goodhue of Ipswich. She died in Dorchester, July 18, 1713. He married, second, Dec. 13, 1716, Mary Holland.

Children :

39. BENJAMIN,⁴ b. May 29, 1703. Lived in Stoughton and Sharon, dying at the latter place June 9, 1781; he was called "Ensign" and is said to have served as soldier in the French war; was also deacon in the Sharon church. He m., 1st, Dec. 6, 1732, Abigail Farley of Billerica. She was dau. of Timothy and Abigail (Foster) Farley, and was born Sept. 8, 1705, and died at Sharon, Apr. 29, 1750. He m., 2nd, Apr. 4, 1751, Mrs. Joannah (Tupper) Ormsby. She was a dau. of Thos. Tupper and a sister of Brig. Gen. Benj. Tupper. A son Benjamin was a soldier in the Revolution from Billerica, and one of the first to fall at Bunker Hill. Chas. H. Easte of Arlington, Mass., is a descendant.
40. EBENEZER, b. Oct. 15, 1705, resided in Sharon, where he died Apr. 10, 1769. He m., 1st, Sept. 13, 1739, Martha Belcher, who d. Nov. 17, 1764, aged 48 yrs. He m. 2nd, in 1765, Hebsibah Gulliver of Milton; she survived him, dying in 1770. His will names wife Hebsibah (adm'x); minor children: Aaron, Solomon, Ebenezer and Mary. The son Solomon was a soldier in the Revolution from Sharon, and is said to have fought at Bunker Hill.
41. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 10, 170718, at Dorchester; m. Jan. 13, 1738, Caleb Howard of Stoughton.
42. SARAH, b. June 26, 1713, at Dorchester.

9 Jacob³ (Isaac,² Jeffrey¹), born in Topsfield, Jan. 24, 1674/5, and died there Oct. 3, 1732. Bricklayer. He married March 25, 1709/10, Lydia Elliot. Was living in Dorchester, in 1724.

Children :

43. JACOB,⁴ b. Jan. 29, 1711; m. Nov. 15, 1735, Dorcas Hovey; had Anne, b. Feb. 7, 1741/2, who d. Feb. 25, 1839, aged 98 yrs.
44. LYDIA, b. July 30, 1713; m. Jan. 7, 17378, Isaac Towne, and settled at Sutton.
45. ISAAC, b. Aug., 1715 (bapt. Aug. 14, 1715); d. 1792; m. Nov. 11, 1743, Sarah Gould, and removed to Sutton. Col. J. J. Estey of Brattleboro, Vt., is a descendant.
46. ANNA, b. May 1, 1719; m. Samuel Carriel of Sutton.
47. MARY, b. Feb. 9, 1720/1.

15 Aaron⁴ (Isaac,³ Isaac,² Jeffrey¹), born in Tops-

field, Feb. 16, 1698/9, and died there April 21, 1783. He married June 7, 1723, at Lynn, Esther Richards, who was born, it is said, in Southboro. She died in Topsfield, July 23, 1805, aged 100 years and 16 days.

Children :

48. ISAAC,⁵ b. Jan. 23, 1723/4; d. young.
49. AARON, b. Jan. 18, 1724/5; d. in French war in 1745.
50. HANNAH, b. Apr. 14, 1726; m. Feb. 2, 1753, Enos Towne.
51. MARY, b. June 1, 1730; m. Feb. 27, 1750/1, Benj. Dwinnee; d. Mar. 5, 1820, at Keene, N. H.
52. ISAAC, b. Sept. 30, 1731.
53. ABIGAIL, bapt. May 5, 1734; d. Feb. 24, 1737.
54. ESTHER, bapt. July 4, 1736; d. Feb. 28, 1737.
55. WILLIAM, bapt. Dec. 11, 1737; d. Mar. 13, 1745.
56. DANIEL, b. May 4, 1739.
57. ESTHER, b. June 29, 1741; m. Nov. 12, 1761, David Balch 3^d; settled in Keene, N. H.; four children.
58. AARON, b. Jan. 18, 1745/6; d. Aug., 1844.
59. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 2, 1748.

37 Jonathan⁴ (*John,³ Isaac,² Jeffrey¹*), baptized May 4, 1707. Married Susannah Monroe of Lexington. He lived in Middleton, and his children were born there.

Children :

60. JOSHUA,⁵ b. Aug. 28, 1735; d. Oct. 3, 1807, at Hillsboro, N. H.; m. Elizabeth Clark of Millbury, Mass. Settled in Hillsboro, N. H. in 1769. L. K. Eastey of Winona, Minn., is a descendant.
61. SARAH, b. June 13, 1737; m. David Wright.
62. HANNAH, b. July 26, 1739.
63. SUSANNAH, b. Jan. 26, 1741; d. May 27, 1827; m. Nathaniel Berry.
64. JOHN, b. May 13, 1742; d. Nov. 2, 1834, at Middleton; m. Hannah, dau. of Samuel and Lydia (Andrews) Flint. The late Gen. Geo. P. Este of Toledo, Ohio, who served in the Civil War, Rev. Jonathan Estey of Boston and E. J. Estey of Galena, Ill., are descendants.
65. WILLIAM, b. July 23, 1744; d. Apr. 11, 1768; unmarried.
66. NATHANIEL, b. Oct. 25, 1746; d. in 1807; m., 1st, Sept. 26, 1771, Mehitable Preston of Salem; 2nd, Jan. 28, 1792, Mrs. Rebecca (Rolfe) Hobbs of Middleton. He lived in Salem and Middleton, and had issue by both wives. This family changed their spelling of the name to "Estes."

52 Isaac⁵ (*Aaron,⁴ Isaac,³ Isaac,² Jeffrey¹*), was born in Topsfield, Sept. 30, 1731. Married Hannah Smith of Boxford, Sept. 2, 1755, and resided in Topsfield until about 1770, when he removed to Keene, N. H. He was a member of the N. H. Committee of Safety, March 14,

1776, and was sergeant in the Keene Foot Company. He was a free-mason.

Children :

67. STEPHEN,⁶ b. Apr. 14, 1756; d. Nov. 13, 1815, Keene, N. H.
68. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 3, 1758; d. June 11, 1759.
69. HANNAH, b. Aug. 9, 1760.
70. ISAAC, b. Aug. 7, 1771, at Keene; d. Oct. 15, 1839, at Readsboro, Vt.; m. Apr. 3, 1794, Polly Warner, b. July 25, 1773, and d. Oct. 28, 1821. Settled in Readsboro, Vt. Chas. C. Estey of Gardner, Mass., is a descendant.
71. ESTHER, b. at Keene; m. Abijah Wood.
72. SARAH, b. Apr. 28, 1774, at Keene.

56 Daniel⁵ (*Aaron⁴ Isaac³ Isaac² Jeffrey¹*), born in Topsfield, May 4, 1739, and died there July 22, 1830. He was a soldier in the Revolution, a private in Capt. Jos. Gould's company at Lexington. Married Hannah ———. She died Feb. 26 or 28, 1802, aged 62.

73. MARY,⁶ b. May 28, 1766; d. Apr. 17, 1846.
74. DANIEL, b. May 29, 1768; d. May 7, 1790.
75. RICHARD, b. Feb. 14, 1771; d. Jan. 5, 1853; m., 1st, ———; 2nd, Caroline Fox of Dracut.
76. ENOS, b. Dec. 10, 1773; d. Feb. 26, 1848; m. Eunice Kenny. She d. Nov. 4, 1851, æ. 77.
77. SARAH, b. Oct. 12, 1775; m. Nov. 27, 1800, Oliver Peabody.
78. HANNAH, b. Apr. 24, 1778; m. May 16, 1822, Elijah Gould.
79. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 7, 1780; m. Nov. 10, 1808, William Homan.
80. JOHN, b. Mar. 28, 1785.

58 Aaron⁵ (*Aaron⁴ Isaac³ Isaac² Jeffrey¹*), born in Topsfield, Jan. 18, 1745/6. Married Oct. 23, 1765, Molly Hooper of Lynn. About 1770 removed to Rindge, N. H., then after a few years to Shrewsbury, Vt., and thence to Leicester, Vt., where he died Aug., 1844, retaining a rugged vitality almost to the very last.

Children :

81. JOSEPH,⁶ b. Aug. 5, 1767.
82. HANNAH, bapt. Aug. 6, 1769.
83. WILLIAM, b. May 26, 1771, at Rindge; d. Dec. 6, 1848; m. Ann Powers. Settled in Seneca Co., N. Y. E. B. Esty of Cleveland, Ohio, is a descendant.
84. JOHN, b. June, 1773, at Rindge; m. March 22, 1797, Sally Desper of Leicester, Vt. Had twelve children. One son, Jason Esty, is still living in Palmyra, N. Y.

59 William⁵ (*Aaron⁴ Isaac³ Isaac² Jeffrey¹*) born Aug. 2, 1748, in Topsfield, and died Nov. 17, 1819, at

Keene, N. H. Married Phœbe Dwinnel of Topsfield. Lived in Topsfield until about 1784, when he removed to Boxford and, after a short stay, to Keene, N. H., where he died. Was a soldier in the Revolution, and was one of the charter members of the Masonic Lodge at Keene.

Children :

85. RUTH,⁶ b. Jan. 28, 1774, at Topsfield; m. Evelith ———.
86. PHEBE, b. Jan. 12, 1776, at Topsfield; m., 1st, ——— Bane; m., 2nd, Nathan Tenney.
87. WILLIAM, b. Oct. 3, 1777, at Topsfield; m. Sally Blake of Keene. Lived in Randolph, Vt.
88. DEBORAH, b. Oct. 21, 1779, at Topsfield; m. ——— Kimball.
89. JOHN, b. Aug. 2, 1781, at Topsfield; d. May 3, 1867, at Groton, N. H.; m. Betsy Howard. Wm. Esty of Laconia, N. H., is a descendant.
90. DOROTHY, b. Mar. 2, 1784, at Boxford; m. ——— Poole.
91. AARON, b. Apr. 5, 1786, at Keene; d. at Roxbury, N. H.; m. Susannah Davis.
92. DAVID, b. Aug. 2, 1788, at Keene; d. at Walpole, N. H.; m. Mary Hirth.
93. NANCEY, b. Mar. 17, 1791, at Keene; d. Mar., 1852; m. Capt. Jos. Crandal.
94. SOLOMON, b. May 2, 1793, at Keene; d. Aug. 15, 1864; m. Clarissa Tasker.
95. FANNY, b. Jan. 23, 1796, at Keene; m. Isaac Davis, jr.
96. JACOB, b. Apr. 9, 1798, at Keene; d. Mar. 2, 1860, at Keene; m. Sophia Brown of Keene.

80 John⁶ (*Daniel⁵, Aaron⁴, Isaac³, Isaac², Jeffrey¹*), born in Topsfield, March 28, 1785, and died June 5, 1872, at Derry, N. H. Married Aug. 16, 1804, Sarah Peabody of Boxford. She was daughter of Bimsley Peabody. She was born June 10, 1780, and died Dec. 28, 1851. Lived in Topsfield and Derry, N. H.

Children :

97. ELIZA,⁷ b. Sept. 28, 1804, at Boxford; d. Oct. 23, 1851; m. Mar. 6, 1834, Joseph Whittemore.
98. DANIEL, b. Apr. 6, 1806, at Topsfield; d. Nov. 11, 1891; m. Mrs. Rebecca (Hawkins) Cluff.
99. JOHN, b. Apr. 18, 1808, at Topsfield; d. Apr. 4, 1895; m. Hannah Cochran.
100. SARAH, b. Nov. 23, 1809, at Topsfield.
101. ENOS, b. Aug. 9, 1811, at Topsfield; d. Jan. 20, 1863; m. Mary Ann Packard.
102. JONATHAN R., b. Mar. 26, 1813, at Topsfield; m., 1st, Elvira ———; 2nd, Mrs. Hepsibah (Trask) Whipple.
103. RICHARD, b. Oct. 25, 1815, at Topsfield; d. April 5, 1897; m. Clara Nichols.
104. HANNAH T., b. Jan. 9, 1817, at Topsfield; m. Moody Morse.
105. EDWARD P., b. June 9, 1820, at Derry; d. Aug. 21, 1888; m. Lydia C. Hemphill.

SOUTH SIDE CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS.

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The South Side Cemetery is situated in the southern part of the town, on the highway leading to Danvers and not far from the "Copper Mine Lot." It is upon a hill and somewhat removed from the travelled road. A time-stained wall of stone, encloses about an acre of green-sward "where heaves the earth in many a mouldering heap."

The great beauty of the spot is found in the trees planted by the different generations of men who have loved this "acre" well. There are the usual native varieties, but one forgets all save the towering pines that whisper messages of rest and peace.

In 1740, Joseph Herrick, who lived on the farm at present owned by William L. Batchelder, "in consideration of love, goodwill and affection I bear towards" David Cummings, John Cummings, Joseph Towne, Nathaniel Porter, Thomas Dwinell, Benjamin Towne, Samuel Curtis, Aaron Estey, Gideon Towne, Nathaniel Porter, jr., Amos Dorman, Thomas Dorman, Israel Towne, Daniel Robinson and Joseph Hobbs, deeded to them "one-half acre of land in Topsfield on the south side of Ipswich River, known as the burying place, inclosed with a stone wall, to be used as a burying place forever. I furthermore grant a priviledge for said persons to pass and repass across my land (Herrick's) to bury their dead."

Dated Mar. 13, 1739-40.

Joseph Hobbs lived on the Wm. Peabody farm just over the line, in Middleton, and John Cummings lived on the Porter Gould place, also in Middleton.

It will be noted that the deed says "known as the burial place," proving that the spot must have been used for burial purposes before 1740. There are no stones to mark the earliest graves and the resting places of only a few of the

many Revolutionary soldiers here buried can be identified. There is the grave of Mrs. Esther Estey, who lived to be over a hundred years old, and off in a corner, separated from the other mounds, where the grass seems longer and thicker, is a grave with a large tree at its head, as if Nature was trying to be especially kind to the lonely sleeper. There are two traditions relating to this mound, one, that it is the grave of a slave once the property of the Cummings family, another, that it is the grave of an Indian woman named Sarah Tutoo. The late John H. Gould believed in the latter story.

Judge Cummings, having lost his wife Sally, in 1814, persuaded his father to enlarge the Cemetery by the gift of about half as much land as it then contained, the boundary of the old ground being between the "Herrick row" and the lot of the late David Towne. The land added in 1814 is now occupied by lots of David and Lorenzo Towne, and the Peterson, Johnson, Cummings, Batchelder and Rea families.

The Cummings family built the wall, and it is said, planted the larches and many of the other trees. "Master Sam" Cummings cared for the ground as long as he lived, and after his death, David Towne collected money by subscription and repaired the wall, purchased new gates (the stone gate posts were given by Lorenzo P. Towne) and put the ground in good order. After his death the burial ground became neglected, until in 1893, the neighborhood, to the number of thirty, devoted a day to clearing away the undergrowth. A subscription paper was again circulated and the sum of \$262.00 was contributed and accepted by the town in town meeting assembled, as a permanent fund, the income of which forever should be expended in the care of the "South Side Cemetery," a designation adopted at that time.

INSCRIPTIONS.

Ezra Batchelder | Died | Sept. 1, 1881 | Æt. 68 yrs. 7 m's.
13 days. | Father.

In Memory of Mrs. | Sarah Bixby Wife | of Dec^r. George
| Bixby Who Departed | This Life June | 30th, 1776 in the
64th year | of her age.

Mary A. Clark | Died | Dec. 14, 1851 | Æt. 33.

It must be so—our Father Adam's fall
And disobedience brought this lot on all.
All die in him—but hopeless should we be
Blessed Revelation, were it not for thee.

Here Lyes the Body of | M^{rs}. Annar Cummings | wife to
M^r. David Cummings | Born in the Year 1710, | died Feb^{ry} ^e
9th 1741.

Charlotte P. | daughter of | Samuel & Joanna | Cummings
| of Danvers | Died March 21. 1853 | Aged 20 years and 3
months.

For thee, sweet spirit, we are left to mourn,
From Parents, Brothers, Sister, Lover, torn;
Untimely summoned in thy youthful bloom,
To thy long slumber in the silent tomb,
But the sweet promise of the God of love,
Bids us to hope that we shall meet above.

Here Lyes the Body of | M^r. David Cummings | of Tops-
field | Born April ^e 15, 1698 | died April ^e 2, 1765 | Aged 67
years.

Inscribed | To the Memory of | Sally, wife of | David
Cummings Jr. | who died Feb. 2, 1814. | Aged 28 years.

Rest sacred shade, I bring no pompous lays,
To swell thy virtues with vain human praise;
From opening skies may streaming glories shine,
And saints embrace thee with a love like mine.

And their son William Porter, | who died Sept. 3, 1814, |
Aged 19 months.

Affliction's semblance bends not o'er thy tomb,
Affliction's self deplores thy early doom.

Mr. | David Cummings | died | March 22, 1826, | Æt. 64.

A tender Husband, Father dear,
A much lamented Friend lies here;
When Christ returns to call him forth,
The rising day will show his worth.

Inscribed | To the Memory of | Eunice, wife of | Cap^t.
Samuel Cummings, | who died July 20, 1811, | Aged 78
years.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,
for they rest from their labours
and their works do follow them.

Inscribed | To the Memory of | Hiram Cummings | who
died | Oct. 8. 1805. | Aged 11 years.

See there the youth whose cheerful bloom
Promised a train of years to come,
When death derides the expected joy,
And all the flattering hopes destroy.

Hiram | Son of Sylvester & | Judith Cummings | died Feb.
2, 1816. | aged 1 day.

Happy the babe who privilege by fate
To shorter labour & a lighter weight
Received but yesterday the gift of breath
Ordered tomorrow to return to death.

Mrs. Hitte Cummings | Wife of | Mr. David Cummings |
died Oct. 10, 1831, | aged 66 years.

Although my body is now entombed
And mouldering into dust;
A dying Jesus has perfumed
The graves of all the just.

Father | Samuel Cummings | Born | July 7, 1790, | Died
| Sept. 9, 1860. | Mother | Joanna Cummings | Born | Feb.
28, 1805. | Died | March 26, 1875.

At thy right hand there are pleasures for ever more.

As a token of affectionate | respect, this stone is erected |
by the Widow & Children of | Mr. Samuel Cummings | in
Memory of his death | which took place | March 29th, 1796.
| Æt. 64 years.

Our nearest earthly friend,
Sleeps here in silent dust
A Husband, Father kind
A friend of dearest worth.

Mrs. Susanna Cummings.

[Foot stone.]

Mary T. Dale, | Daughter of | Osgood & Susanna | Dale
| Died Aug. 3, 1845 ; | Aged 14 yrs.

Happy One thy days are ended,
All thy youthful days below,
Go by angel guards attended,
To the arms of Jesus go.

In the memory of | Mr. | Daniel Estey | who died July
23, 1830 | Æt. 91 ys. & 2 ms. | And | Mrs. Hannah, | wife of
Daniel Estey, | died Feb. 26, 1802, | Æt. 62 ys.

In memory of | Enos Esty, | who died | February 24,
1848, | Æt. 76 yrs.

"Heaven gives us friends to bless the
present scene, resumes them, to prepare
us for the next."

Eunice | wife of | Enos Esty. | Died Nov. 4, 1851 | Æt.
77.

Man passeth soon; his earliest breath
Is but the promise sure of death;
From being's dawn to darkling age,
The grave his certain heritage.

Sacred | To the Memory of | Miss. Mary Estey. | who
died | April 15, 1846, | Aged 80.

Here Lyes the Body of | M^{rs}. Mary Herrick | wife to M^r.
Nehemiah Herrick | Born April ^e 15, 1741 | died April ^e 18,
1768 | in ^e 27 year of Hur Age.

Mr. | Jonathan Hobbs | died | Feb. 13, 1833, | Æt. 79. |
Mrs. | Rachel Hobbs | died Dec. 20, 1835, | Æt. 79.

Our Father calls us to his arms,
And willingly we go
With cheerfulness we bid farewell
To every thing below.

William Homan, | died at sea | Aug. 31 1823. | Æt. 37. |
Abigail, | his wife died | Aug. 20, 1852, | Æt 71.

Hitty C. | daugh^t of Samuel | & Nabby Hood, | died April
6, 1821, | aged 1 week.

Happy infant early blest,
Rest in peaceful slumbers rest.

Sally C. | daughter of Samuel | & Nabby Hood, | died
Sept. 29, 1815, | aged 16 months.

Rest sweet child in gentle slumbers,
Till the resurrection morn,
Then arise & join the numbers
That its triumphs shall adorn.

Samuel Hood | died | August 30, 1865 | Aged 81 yrs. |
Also Abigail his wife | died Aug. 26, 1863, | Aged 76 yrs.

Moses Horne | died | Oct. 28, 1869, | Æ. 83 y'rs. 5 mo's
| & 26 d's.

"There's rest for us in heaven;"
O, blissful words are they;
That hope to us is given
Of an immortal day.

In memory of | Sally, | Wife of | Moses Horne | Died
Sept. 12, 1851, | Æt. 64.

Farewell, husband and children dear,
Farewell, to lands below my Jesus calls,
And I must go to lands above,
Where seraphs bow and bend the knee,
O that's the land, the land for you and me.

Elen M. | wife of | George H. Johnson, | Died | Oct. 22,
1869, | Æt. 24 yrs. 6 mos.

George H. Johnson | Sept. 4, 1835 | Jan. 11, 1896.

Henry Johnson | Died | Feb. 3, 1873. | Æt 78 yrs. 9 mos.

Sarah | wife of | Henry Johnson, | died | Sept. 3, 1859 |
Æt. 66 yrs. 7 mos.

Sarah J. | wife of | George H. Johnson. | Died | Dec. 29,
1886 | Æt. 48 yrs. 6 mos.

Benjamin | Pike | Died | Nov. 20, 1847, | Æ. 93 y's. & 5
m's. | Dorothy | his wife | Died | Nov. 17, 1853 | Æ. 96 y's.
& 3 m's. Pike Monument.

Nathaniel | Died | Apr. 4, 1805, | Æ. 23 y's. & 4 m's. |
Elizabeth | Died | Feb. 21, 1812 | Æ. 28 y's. & 3 m's.

Pike Monument.

Sarah | Died | Mar. 27, 1821 | Æ. 28 y'rs. | Lois | Died
| Sept. 3, 1830. | Æ. 34 y's & 11 m's | Dolly | Died | Feb.
20, 1893, | Æ. 92 y's. 8 m's. Pike Monument.

Samuel | Died | May 25, 1819 | Æ. 33 y's. & 4 m's. |
Lydia | Died | May 12, 1809 | Æ. 18 y's & 6 m's.

Pike Monument

Benjamin F. Pike | Died Sept. 11, 1855, | Aged 22 yrs.
10 mos. | Ithamar E. Pike | Died May 14, 1866, | Aged 28
yrs. 11 mos.

Benjamin Pike Jr. | Died Feb. 23, 1888 | Aged 90 yrs. 1
mo. | His Wife | Hulda Dorman, | Died June 24, 1867, |
Aged 62 yrs. 3 mos.

Alethina P. Pike | Died Apr. 6, 1844, | Aged 14 yrs. 6 mos. | Minerva A. Pike | Died Sept. 28, 1842, | Aged 2 yrs. 3 mos.

Charlotte H. Porter | Died | Feb. 16, 1840, | Æ. 17 y'rs. 3 m's.

Dearest sister thou hast left us,
And thy loss we deeply feel;
But tis God that has bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.

In memory of | Mr. | Daniel Porter | who died | Jan. 28, 1831, | Æt. 88.

In memory of | Doly C. | wife of Ira Porter, | who died | May 7, 1838, | Æt. 42. | Also two Infant twin children | April 28, 1836, | And an Infant child | May 6, 1838.

Hiram C. Porter | Died | Jan. 3, 1852, | Æ. 33 y'rs. 6 m's.

Brother thou art gone to rest,
Thine is an earthly tomb;
But Jesus summond thee away,
Thy Savior called the home.

Ira Porter, | Æt. 90 yrs. 17 dys, | Born | July 8, 1791, | Died July 25, 1881.

Nathaniel Porter | Died | Mar. 8, 1849, | Æt. 77 y'rs. 4 m's.

Permelia Porter | wife of | Allen Porter | died March 27, 1837, | Aged 47.

In memory of | Miss Polly, | Daughter of Mr. Daniel | & Mrs. Sarah Porter, | who died | Dec. 31, 1828, | Æt. 46.

In memory of | Mrs. Sarah, | Relict of Mr. Daniel Porter, | who died | Nov. 24, 1833, | Æt. 89.

George Prince, | Died | May. 12. 1867, | Aged 78 yrs.

Hattie S. | wife of | John W. Ray | died Feb. 3, 1879, | Æt. 32 y'rs.

"Sheltered and safe from sorrow."

Abbie T. | Daughter of | David & Rebecca H. | Towne | Died Jan. 3, 1864, | Aged 22 yrs. & 8 mos.

We mourn thy absence,
Yet would ne'er recall thee from thy rest;
Believing thou art dwelling now
In Heaven among the blest.

Sacred to the memory of | Mrs. Abigail Towne | Wife of
Mr. Daniel Towne | and daughter of Mr. Enos | and Mrs.
Prudence Lake. | Born Feb. 23, 1787, | and died April 29,
1822, | Also Ephraem their son Born | April 9, 1814, died
June 13, 1814.

Relentless death regards not worth nor years.
A parents fondness nor a husbands tears,
Nor childrens wants with urgent claims could save
Their tender parent from the insatiate grave.

Caroline F. | dau. of Joseph & Hannah | Towne | died |
May 27, 1865 | aged 48 y's. 2 m's.

We've laid thee, loved one neath the sod
All free from care.
Thy spirit pure hath sought its God
In mansions fair.
Sadly we miss thee here below,
And grieve thy voice no more to know,
Kind words thou ever didst bestow,
Our griefs didst share.

Charles Sewall | son of | Daniel & Fanny Towne | Died
Jan. 18, 1853, | Æt. 9 y'rs & 2 d's.

This tender bud from earth was torn,
And left its parents here to mourn
The object of their love;
But parents, let your tears be dry,
Your loving child now lives on high
And dwells with Christ above.

Cynthia, | Daughter of | Joseph & Hannah | Towne, |
Died Apr. 8, 1835, | Æt. 11 yrs.

Cyrus, | Son of | Joseph & Hannah | Towne, | Died Mar.
6, 1834, | Æt. 17 mos.

Daniel Towne | Died | June 22, 2845, | Æt. 64.

David Towne | Died | March 17, 1862, | Aged 82 yrs.

"In a full age, like as a shock of
corn cometh in in his season."

Gone but not forgotten | David Towne, | Died Sept. 15,
1878, | Aged 63 yrs. 6 mos.

A husband kind a father dear,
A true friend lies sleeping here.

Frances Abby, | dau. of | Daniel & Fanny Towne | Died
| May 20, 1856, | Æt. 16 y'rs. 10 mo's. 16 d's.

"Be ye also ready; for in such an hour
as ye think not the son of man cometh."

George Irving, | Son of | Sewell L. & Mary A. | Towne
| died Jan. 30, 1860, | Æt. 6 y'rs. 2 mo's. & 10 days.

Farewell vain world. I'm going home,
My Savior smiles and bids me come.
Sweet angels beckon me away,
To sing God's praise in endless days.

Hannah | wife of | Joseph Towne | Died Oct. 28, 1835, |
Æt. 48.

John P. Towne | died | Mar. 16, 1862, | aged 22 y's. 3 m's.

So fair, so young, so gentle, so sincere,
So loved, so early lost, demands a tear.

In memory of | Joseph Towne son of | Mr Joseph & Mrs
Martha | Towne who died Oct. 28 1795 | Ætat 8.

Tis God that lifts our comforts high
Or sinks them in the grave,
He gives and blessed be his name
He takes but what he gave.

Joseph Towne, | died | July 8, 1860, | Æt. 75 y'rs. 8 mo's.
& 14 days.

Laura Annie, | Dau. of | Sewell L. & Mary A. | Towne |
Died July 21, 1866, | Aged 4 yrs. 5 mos.

"For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Lorenzo P. Towne | Died | Jan. 31, 1877, | Aged 65 yrs.
10 mos. | Lois L. Perkins, | wife of | Lorenzo P. Towne, |
Died June 25, 1875, | Aged 65 yrs. 7 mos.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When this dream of life is o'er.

Lucy Ellen | dau. of | Daniel & Fanny Towne | Died |
Dec. 5, 1860 | Æt. 14 y's. 11 m's. 10 d's.

We know that God has but recalled,
The gem that he had given;
And though the casket moulders here,
Our jewel is in Heaven.

Mary Abby, | Died Apr. 2, 1852, | Æt. 4 yrs & 5 mos. |
 Otis Warren | Died Apr. 3, 1852, | Æt. 2 yrs. & 6 mos. |
 Children of Sewell L. | & Mary A. Towne.

Two lovely buds of promise fair,
 Here blossomed for a time,
 Then was transfer'd from parents care
 To Heavens purer clime;
 There their young spirits sweetly rest,
 Enfolded on their Savior's breast.

Mary Towne | Died | June 12, 1862, | Aged 84 yrs.

Michael | Servetus, | Son of Luke and | Sarah Towne, |
 died | March 27, 1832, | Æt. 11 ms. & 10 ds.

Moses A. | Son of | Joseph & Hannah | Towne, | Died
 Sept. 2, 1815, | Æt. 2 yrs. & 9 mos.

PETITION FROM DAN CLARKE, 1758.

Gentlemen, altho it is a time of Sorrow and Trouble
 with me & my family as I have a Large quantity of Speritous
 Liquors by me I humbly Desire that youll be so kind as to
 give me your Approbation to keep a Publick House this year
 and in so Doing youll much Oblige your Hum^{ble} Ser^t

DAN CLARKE.

To the Slectmen of Topsfield.

Topsfield, June 16th, 1758.

CAPT. NEHEMIAH HERRICK'S REVOLUTIONARY
SERVICE, WITH HISTORICAL NOTES.

Albany, N. Y., January 21, 1845.

DEAR SIR,

I am endeavouring to procure a pension for the widow of Nehemiah Herrick, who was a Captain from your Town in the War of the Revolution, and am referred by the commissioner of pensions for your Town, for record evidence of his services. I have procured a certificate relating to his services from the Secretary of State, which appears as follows, viz.: "The name of Nehemiah Herrick of Topsfield is borne upon a pay roll of Capt. Joseph Gould from April 19th 1775—5 Days as Sergeant. There are no rolls of said Gould after that time in this office. The name of Nehemiah Herrick is signed to a roll of men as Captain, raised by the Town of Topsfield to serve three years or during the war 1777 dated Feb'y 18th 1778. The name of Nehemiah Herrick is signed to a roll of men as Captain raised by the Town of Topsfield to go to Fishkill for nine months under a resolve of Apl 20th 1778, dated Sept. 14th 1778; upon an additional return of two men enlisted into the continental service to serve my company April 9th 1778; upon a roll of men enlisted from said Town of Topsfield to serve nine months under a resolve of June 9th 1779 as Captain." In reply to which, the commissioner says, "The name of Nehemiah Herrick does not appear upon the records of the Massachusetts rolls in this office and the only service satisfactorily established by the certificate of the Secretary of State is five Days as a Sergeant in 1775," he also adds, "That evidence of the length of the Alleged service as a Captain from Topsfield must be procured. The Town Clerks office or the Town rolls from Topsfield in the office of the Secretary of State should shew any service he may have performed as a Captain from that Town."

I would remark that they were married in that Town, a certificate of which has been obtained, in which it appears

that he was recognized by the clergyman as a Captain.

I desire to enquire if you can give me any information that will lead to the necessary evidence, either by oral or record evidence. If there are no other records of his services perhaps there may be some persons living who knew him or served under him in the war. I should think from the purport of the above certificate & other circumstances connected with the case, he must have performed considerable service as Captain, and if you can render any assistance you will confer a great favour upon the old Lady who is very poor & destitute, and oblige me, at the same time I shall be in the event of success to fully compensate you, & it will afford me pleasure to do so. * * * *

Yours very respectfully,

WM. VALENTINE,

Albany, N. Y.

J. P. TOWNE, ESQ.,

Clerk, Topsfield, Mass.

The following notes were taken by J. P. Towne during the month of February 1845 and are written on the margins of the foregoing letter.—Editor.

Nath. Porter, 73 yrs. old last October. Cant remember any thing about Capt. Herrick going into army. Does remember hearing Capt. H. talk about his being out but how long a time he said he was out he (P.) cannot remember or what part of the war; thinks it must have been in early part of war & before he was old enough [to] know anything about it. Never tho't Capt. H. was out a long time but cannot say. Has heard him tell about being in a skirmish or battle. He was a Capt. here but never heard of his being in the army but has heard of being a serjeant & about 8 men.

Miss Mary Towne has heard he (Herrick) was Capt. here—knows nothing about his being in the army.

Nath. Fisk, born Dec. 1764, 80 yrs. Dont remember hearing Capt. Herrick say anything about being out in army or any other person say he was out—knew him well. At the taking of Burgoine (or that way he thinks?) a man by name of Low was wounded in the ankle by a ball—died as he thinks in consequence of this wound. At time of Lexington Thos. Towne came to his Fathers to give the alarm. His father, uncle Sam, Mr. Dwinell, Jeremiah Towne & Wm.

T. (jr?) went (now Dea. Peabody place). His Father and some others went on foot but did reach. Thinks they went by Middleton.

Elijah Perkins, 79. Dec. 16. Knew Capt. H. Knows nothing about his being in the army. At school on South side of River day of Lexington battle. When he came home after school at night every man in this (his) neighborhood had gone except Dr. Baker (who lived between the Bradstreet farms) who was not a sound man ("kind of a broken man.") Capt. B. Gould, Archelaus Perkins, Jno. Lefavor, Amos Low (Father lived where David Hobbs now does) Ivory Hovey, Hodgkins, D. Hobbs & 1 or 2 others at taking Burgoine. Gun of his cousin Ar.[chelaus] would not go off (British retreating) & Capt. G. told him to throw it down take up another—took up one of British which he kept as long as he lived. Capt. G. & his cousin A. took the first cannon that was taken in the battle. Has heard that cannon was in a——.

Elizabeth Towne, 84 yrs of age. Feb. 19, last. Thinks it likely Capt. H. out but can't rem. anything in particular about it. Has heard her father (or "her folks," her father & uncle Elijah) say that 3 brothers & one sister came fr. Eng. together named Jacob, Joseph & Jesse Towne. Joseph settled where she (Elizabeth) now lives. The sister married a Browning of Danvers. Capt. Ezra Towne was in Bunker hill fight—he went from New Ipswich where he had lived some yrs. His brother Edmund went to New I. (fr. Topsfield) at same time he did.

Enos Estey, 73 yrs., 10th of Decem., last. Knew Capt. Herrick worked with him, a few days several times, dont remember hearing him or any body say any thing about his being out in the army. His grandmother once at door heard a pig squeal & on looking up saw a pig being carried by a Bear from somewhere Bill Bradstreets way (they pursued) killed the bear. His grandmother sd. used keep tied at door (a horse?) for the purpose of using in fleeing to the fort if Indians came. The Fort was on South East part of Treadwells plain towards David Perkins. He (E) has ploughed up old dishes, pieces of bricks where he thinks the Fort stood. Thinks Indians passed up & down the River after his grand-

mother came here——doubts about any making their home in this town at that time but thinks they did in Boxford. His grandmother came from Lynn when 16 yrs. old. Married at Lynn——came here on horseback. Thinks she sd. when she came the River meadows were mostly covered with woods. Thinks some places were clear of woods.

Mrs. Peabody, Dea. P's mother said she "had tho't of them pretty much as they are now" or some thing of this kind. There might have been trees on parts or by the Road. "New Meadows" was the 1st name of this place. (Written Feb. 28, '49.)

Mrs. Peabody wid. of Jno. P. & mother of present Dea. P. 80 yrs. 16th March next. Cant say that ever she heard that he (Capt. Herrick) was out in the war. Mrs. P. subsequently remarked that "the more she tho't of it the more she tho't he was out." It appeared rather to be her belief that he was out but in what capacity (private or officer) she could not say. Remembers the day of Bunker [Hill] battle, considerable No. of people (she thinks women & children perhaps 20 or 30) were on the hill. Could see the smoke & hear the guns.

Dominick Moore, 75 yrs. 18th day of June last. He was going with his brother after his fathers horses the 1st or 2d yr. of the war, was going on the road where Nat. Porter now lives & saw them grinding corn stalks for molasses at Capt. Herricks now Nat. P's not far from the time of cutting stalks. He has heard Capt. Herrick say he was out in the army——remembers his coming to his fathers as he understood soon after his return from the army, but what time in the war it was he (Moore) cannot say——should think he (H) was not out in the war a long time——dont know if he was a Capt. in the army. At time burning of Cn. (Bunker H. battle) he, Moore, lived at the small house by J. Balch's——at time of B. Hill battle he has heard that David Balch was hoeing on hill, heard cannon & Balch & he thinks (M.) a good many others started but how far they went he dont know. Thinks the River Meadow was mostly covered with woods when this place was first settled. There was once a house on Perkins Island, East of Joshua Towne's. He has seen bricks & appearances of a cellar——name of man that lived there was Perkins.

CUMMINGS BURYING GROUND INSCRIPTIONS.

COPIED BY GEORGE CLINTON DONALDSON.

This private burying ground, located in the easterly part of the town, was set aside for burial purposes at an early date. Here lie over one hundred of those who lived in the vicinity, which, until 1774, was a part of the town of Ipswich. The Cummings, Smith, and Lamson families here lie buried. But few stones now remain and these are of comparatively recent date.

Mrs. | Eunice Cummings, | Consort of | Mr. Elijah Cummings. | Died Dec. 13, 1813, | Æ. 50.

My flesh shall slumber in the ground
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound.
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise,
And in my Savior's image rise.

In Memory of | Mr. William P. Cummings | who died | Aug. 12, 1842. | Aged 24.

My friends prepare to meet thy God,
He calmly said,
As with a smile,
His spirit fled.

In Memory of | Mrs. Betsy Smith | Relict of | Mr. William Smith | who died | Feb. 1, 1843 | Aged 69.

In such a time ye think not
the Savior cometh.

Cynthia Allen | Died | July 26, 1843. | Æ 3 yrs. | Moses Welch | Died | Sept. 9, 1834. | Æ 1 yr. 5 mos. | Children of Willard. | & Mary G. Smith.

"Asleep in Jesus blessed sleep."

In Memory Of. | M. William Smith. | who died. | Feb. 1, 1841. | Aged 65.

Be ye also ready.

NEWSPAPER ITEMS RELATING TO TOPSFIELD.

COPIED FROM THE FILES OF SALEM NEWSPAPERS

BY GEORGE FRANCIS DOW.

Letters at Salem Post Office,
Dec. 31, 1800.
Dr. Nehemiah Cleaveland,
Topsfield.
William Emerson, do.
Salem Gazette, Jan. 6, 1801.

DIED.—At Topsfield, Mr.
Thomas Perkins, aged 75. A
worthy and respectable old gen-
tleman. *Salem Impartial Reg-
ister, Jan. 8, 1801.*

MARRIED.—At Topsfield,
Mr. Joseph Killam, of Boxford,
to Miss Nabby Bradstreet, of the
former place.

Salem Gazette, Mar. 3, 1801.

DIED.—At Topsfield, Mrs.
Joseph Cummings, aged 80;
Mr. Moses Bradstreet, aged 28.

Salem Gazette, Nov. 3, 1801.

MARRIAGE.—At Topsfield,
Mr. John Cummings to Miss
Rebecca Balch.

Salem Gazette, Dec. 1, 1801.

New Music, of the best style,

JUST PUBLISHED,

and for sale by

CUSHING & APPLETON.

THE ESSEX HARMONY,

an original Composition, in three
and four parts. By JACOB KIM-
BALL, jun., A. B. Author of the
"Rural Harmony."

Music's bright influence, thrilling
thro' the breast,
Can lull e'en raging anguish into
rest;
And oft its wildly, sweet-enchant-
ing lay
So Fancy's magic heaven steals the
rapt thought away.

Salem Gazette, May 5, 1801.

DIED.—At Topsfield, Wid-
ow Mary Towne, aged 82.

Salem Gazette, Dec. 15, 1801.

DIED.—At Topsfield, Miss
Rebecca Gallop, aged 55.

Salem Gazette, Dec. 25, 1801.

At Topsfield, on Monday night the 9th instant a respectable number of the citizens assembled at MR. KIMBALL'S, and after partaking of an elegant supper, the following toasts were given:

1. President Jefferson:—May he ever support the Constitution, and may he be cloathed with Political Salvation—and may the Republicans shout aloud for joy.

2. The Vice President:—May his great abilities be displayed in the support of Liberty, and the downfall of Tyranny.

3. The Constitution of the United States of America:—May its rights never be violated.

4. Our Republican Friends:—May they be as numerous as the people of America. *A Song.*

5. May all the enemies of our Liberty be converted to *Friends* or to *Salt Petre* to be used in its defence. *Three Cheers.*

6. Our old President Adams:—May his last days be as happy, as his former have been useful.

7. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts:—May its Elections be ever free from intrigue, and may its citizens be as virtuous, as they are industrious.

8. The first Monday of April, and Mr. Gerry. *Three Cheers.*

9. The Treaty with France:—May it be a happy means of

reconciling the two Republics.

10. Our little Navy:—May it protect our commerce, from all insults.

11. The Ministers of the Gospel:—May they never forget to pray for the President and Vice President.

12. The Poor of our land:—May the warming hand of charity, be ever near to their relief.

13. The Town of Topsfield:—Although small among the thousands of America, yet may it never be the last in the cause of Liberty and Virtue. *Six Cheers.*

14. The Youth of our land:—May they ever pursue the paths of virtue, and contend for the liberty of their country.

15. The advocates for Britain:—May they see themselves coming out of the "little end of the horn." *Three Cheers.*

16. The Fair Sex:—May they ever hold a place in our hearts equal to their worth.

VOLUNTEERS.

By Mr. Kimball. Success to President Jefferson:—May he support the constitution equal to Adams or Washington.

Three Cheers.

May the blood and treasure, that has been spent in defence of Liberty, be remembered 'till the latest posterity. *Salem Impartial Register, Mar. 16, 1801.*

Census in Topsfield for 1800: Males, 375; Females, 408; Blacks, 5; Total, 788.

Census in 1790, 780, increase 8. *Salem Impartial Register*, April 20, 1801.

PUBLIC ROADS.

Mr. Carlton,

Among the most satisfactory evidences of the flourishing state of a country, and of the wisdom and sound policy of its government, is the attention which is paid to those improvements and regulations, which tend to facilitate the intercourse between the different parts of it, by means of good roads, canals, and bridges. The continual labour and experience exerted in straightening, widening and repairing the public roads, in the states of New Hampshire, New York, and Pennsylvania—and the general improved state of the roads, together with the western turnpikes in this state, are happy testimonials of the flourishing state of our country, and of the attention paid to these important objects, by the respective Legislatures of these states.

The rapid increase in population, and the consequent increased culture of hitherto uncultivated lands in various parts of the country, create a continual demand for new means of

commercial intercourse and new means of communication by the establishment of new lines of post. Provided such establishments can do any thing considerable towards their own support, they can scarcely be too greatly multiplied. Every new road opens a new source of wealth to the district through which it passes—and throughout the whole course of it, presents a kind of thorough fare for the fabricating and vending of all sorts of home manufactures. Shoe-makers, Blacksmiths, Hatters, Wheelwrights, Chairmakers, Clock and Watch-makers, Coopers, dealers in Corn and Grain, Retailers, Venders of foreign manufacturers, line these county roads at convenient distances, and exchange their labour or their commodities for the produce of their own country, or goods and raw materials imported from abroad. The shops on these roads may be considered as so many magazines, and Emporiums of traffic for the internal parts. Foreign commodities are brought to the doors of these magazines, from whence they are distributed through an almost infinite number of smaller channels, which every where divide and intersect the most remote parts of the interior country.

Of great importance also is it

to straighten and alter the course of old roads—directing them in such a manner as to avoid all those obstacles which impede the traveller, or increase the labour of the team. Among these the principal are, narrow confined passages, low and sloughy places, and long or steep hills. When it is considered, for example, that a hill which might be avoided, of 80 rods ascent, passed over by 100 travellers in a day, will make a general amount of 8000 rods of different and superfluous labor, the seeming shortness of the distance should not any longer be made a pretence for the continuance of such an impediment. It retards the public 8000 rods in a day, that is 9000 miles nearing in a year. It is the greatest importance too, for the improvement of the domestic commerce of any country, that the means of communicating by post should be as much as possible facilitated and multiplied. There is a kind of stagnation of this kind of commerce in these parts where this intercourse is not established. There are many who wish to purchase and many who wish to sell, who remain equally ignorant of these opportunities and each others wishes, for want of such an established intercourse.

In the County of Essex, at

the present time, the mail traverses only two sides of it—that is, on the sea board, and on its northern boundary. All the central parts of this populous country, must communicate with distant places, through one or other of these lines of post from which they are about equally distant. The mail from Boston passes through Wilmington and Andover to Haverhill—and on the sea coast, through Salem and Ipswich to Newburyport—thus describing two lines which embrace the body of the county between them.

As some of the most fertile lands in the county lie towards its central points, THERE also must be supposed to be a proportionate degree of population; and in those parts, consequently must be experienced many inconveniences from the great distance to any of the lines of post. Such inconveniences ought, and no doubt will in due season be remedied.

There is already an excellent road which intersects the county into nearly two equal parts—leaving the present post line at Salem, and rejoining it at Haverhill. This road possesses great “capabilities.” The greatly increased, and daily increasing travel on this road, from Canada, Cohoss, and all the back country, through Haverhill

to, the sea coast,—and from Boston and Salem, thro' Danvers, Topsfield, Boxford and Bradford to Haverhill, Exeter and Portsmouth, as well as the back country, entitles it to the consideration of the Post Master General as a post road. A mail coach on this road, would after a short period, participate in the advantages of the travel, at present thro' Wilmington and Andover to Haverhill, Exeter and Portsmouth—and the separate travel belonging to the road itself, would be no inconsiderable object.

The only obstacles that present themselves on this road to carriages, are the height and length of some of the hills—in other respects it is a good road. The principal of these hills, lies in the town of Topsfield, adjoining the Bridge. It is by far the largest and most tedious one. A set of horses in the run of a season, with middling freights, would be benefitted by travelling three miles about rather than pass over this hill. Its descent may be about 100 rods—but on a future occasion we shall be more particular—and this descent in many places is rapid. It is obvious how difficult and dangerous such a hill must be to teams and loaded carriages.—Truth is, the country teams are frequently obliged to put on an

additional pair of cattle—and those in chaise find it convenient and sometimes even necessary, to walk up the hill to foot to spare their horses. Many dangerous accidents have from time to time happened to travellers in descending this hill—and much labor and trouble, undoubtedly, *always* attends ascending it. Considering it therefore as a carriage road, this hill must be looked on as a very material obstacle—and in the event of its becoming a mail stage road, this hill would very considerably increase the expence, difficulty and danger of travelling. But it is conceived that this impediment admits of an easy remedy; and it shall be the business of a future paper to offer some remarks on that subject.

A FRIEND.

Topsfield, Oct. 20, 1801.

Salem Impartial Register,
Oct. 29, 1801.

DIED.—At Topsfield, two Children of Mr. *Edmund Parker*, of the dysentery—others of the family dangerously ill. A child of Mr. *John Perkins*, of the dysentery. Mr. *Joseph Cummins*, of the dysentery, aged upwards of 80. A child of Mr. *Moses Bradstreet*—and a few days after Mr. *Bradstreet*, the

father, aged 28, both of the dysentery. Mr. *Bradstreet* was a young man who united to an exemplary piety, uncommon at his age, all those qualities which form a good husband, parent, citizen, and neighbor. He was a man of few words, and was never heard to speak ill of any one. This together with the general prudence of his conduct, endeared him to all who knew him—more especially as the former of these qualities is not apt to abound in small places. He was a man of integrity and punctuality in all his transactions and has left an afflicted widow and children, as well as all his neighbours and acquaintance to mourn and regret his loss—Such a number of deaths in so short a space of time, and of the same disorder, has not happened but once in that place in the memory of the inhabitants. About 30 years ago, Mr. *Matthew Peabody*, his wife, and one or two grandchildren, all lie dead in the same house, of the dysentery—the two former were buried in the same grave. *Salem Impartial Register*, Nov. 5, 1801.

DIED.—At Topsfield, Mrs. *Elizabeth Bradstreet*, wife of Mr. John Bradstreet, aged 83. *Salem Impartial Register*, Nov. 16, 1801.

DIED.—At Topsfield, Mr. *Robert Perkins*, in the 73d year of his age—*An honest man, the noblest work of God.* *Salem Impartial Register*, Nov. 12, 1801.

Letters at Salem Post Office,
Jan. 1, 1802.

Billy Bradstreet, Topsfield.
Jonas Merriam, do.
Salem Register, Jan. 14, 1802.

DIED.—At Topsfield, John Peabody, aged 71. *Salem Register*, Feb. 15, 1802.

MARRIED.—At Topsfield, Mr. Thomas Moore to Miss Betsey Nichols—Mr. Thomas Talbot to Miss Jenny Groves—Mr. John Boardman to Miss Rebecca Gould. *Salem Register*, Mar. 1, 1802.

Letters at Salem Post Office,
April 3, 1802.

Stephen Cree, Topsfield.
Daniel Hobbs, do.
Rebecca Ingalls, do.
John Tood [Todd], do.
Salem Register, Apr. 19, 1802.

DIED.—At Topsfield, Mr. ELISHA PERKINS, aged 49. *Salem Gazette*, June 11, 1802.

FOUND.

On the 8th inst. at the Stable of the Subscriber, a dark brown MARE; thick set, has some white in her face, white hind feet and trots all. The owner of the Mare may have her again by applying to the Subscriber, proving property and paying charges.

DANIEL PORTER.

Topsfield, May 11.

Salem Gazette, May 11, 1802.

The want of the means of intercourse between this town and the northern parts of the county of Essex, has long been felt; and we are happy to see, in the Post-Master-General's proposals for carrying the mails, that one is to pass every Friday from this town to Haverhill and back, through Danvers, Topsfield, Boxford and Bradford. This, it may be hoped will be a prelude to the improvement of the roads to the northward of us.

Salem Gazette, June 29, 1802.

Letters at Salem Post Office,
July 1, 1802.

Samuel Hood, Topsfield.
Rev. Ashael Huntington, do.
Eleazer Lake, do.
John Merriam, do.
Salem Register, July 12, 1802.

DIED.—At Topsfield, Mr. Samuel Cumming, aged 17, son of the late Rev. Joseph Cummings. *Salem Gazette, July 2, 1802.*

MARRIED.—At Topsfield, Mr. JACOB TOWNE to MISS MARY PERKINS. *Salem Register, Sept. 9, 1802.*

THE ESSEX HARMONY,
by Jacob Kimball jun, (the best American composition extant) for sale by CUSHING & APPLETON,—Also, Singing Books of various kinds; and a New Edition of

COWPER'S POEMS.

Salem Gazette, Oct. 8, 1802.

DIED.—At Topsfield, Miss Hannah Perkins, aged 48, daughter of Mr. Robert Perkins, lately deceased. *Salem Register, Nov. 25, 1802.*

MARRIED.—At Topsfield, Mr. EBENEZER PEABODY to Miss MERCY PERKINS *Salem Register, Jan. 17, 1803.*

DIED.—At Topsfield, on the 3d instant, Mr. Simond Gould, aged 93 years and 9 months. *Salem Register, Jan. 20, 1803.*

Among the letters remaining at the Beverly Post Office Jan. 10, 1803, was one for Sarah Cummings of Topsfield. *Salem Gazette, Jan. 11, 1803.*

Turnpike.—Some gentlemen of Newburyport have it in contemplation to carry a road strait from that town to Boston, which will of course run to the northward of the seaports in this county, and have no connexion with the Salem turnpike. But it is expected that an actual measurement will discourage it, by showing that the saving will not be more than a mile more than if brought strait to this town. *Salem Gazette, Feb. 11, 1803.*

The Legislature at their last session incorporated a Turnpike from Newburyport to Chelsea bridge. *Salem Register, March 14, 1803.*

To be sold at Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, 13th day of April next at 2 oclock, P. M.

Four Acres in Bunker's meadow, (so called) in Topsfield.—N. B. If it should be foul weather, the sale will be the next fair day (Sunday excepted).

E. PUTNAM, *Auct'r.*
Wenham, Mar. 29, 1803.

Salem Gazette, Apr. 5, 1803.

DIED.—At Topsfield—David Perkins, aged 77. *Salem Register, Apr. 25, 1803.*

DIED.—At Topsfield—Capt. Daniel Boardman, aged 50.
Salem Register, May 5, 1803.

COMMUNICATED.

On Tuesday last was interred at Topsfield, Capt. Daniel Boardman, with every token of respect for his memory, and sympathy for his afflicted family. As it was on the day assigned to military parade and review, the militia company in the town, the command of which he had recently resigned, appeared under arms on the occasion, commanded by Capt. Bradstreet, and went through those movements and positions usual on such occasions, attended with solemn music.—The order and decorum of the military, made a favorable impression on a numerous assemblage of people. The solemnity observable on the occasion was expressive of the public estimation of an honest man, a good neighbor, and a worthy citizen.

Salem Register, May 9, 1803.

Topsfield.—We are sorry to hear that this town, always correct in its politics, has not this

year chosen a Representative. This continual giving ground to the enemy will and by and by firmly fix their power in Massachusetts. *Salem Gazette, May 20, 1803.*

DIED.—At Topsfield, Maj. Joseph Gould, aged 77—a man long respected for his distinguished virtue, patriotism and piety. *Salem Register, June 16, 1803.*

NOTICE is hereby given, to all persons interested in the laying out the NEWBURYPORT TURNPIKE ROAD in the County of Essex.—That the Committee appointed by the Court of Sessions to lay out said way and to estimate the damages any person may sustain thereby, propose to meet at the head of State street, in said Newburyport, on Monday the 18th July inst. A. M. and thence proceed upon the business of their appointment.

THOMAS PERLEY,
per order.

Newburyport, July 12.

Salem Register, Aug. 8, 1803.

NEWBURYPORT, AUG. 24.

NEW-TURNPIKE.

The workmen on the direct

Turnpike from this town to Boston, commenced the important undertaking yesterday. It is to run from the head of State street, Newburyport, in as straight a line as possible. The inhabitants of New-England have long gained attention for their enterprising and public spirit, and the present undertaking may be well said to justify this claim.

Salem Register, Aug. 29, 1803.

The Newbury-Port Turnpike has begun. It will pass through Topsfield and Danvers in our vicinity. *Salem Register, Aug. 29, 1803.*

MARRIED.—At Topsfield, Mr. STEPHEN HAMMOND to Miss LYDIA HOOD. *Salem Register, Sept. 12, 1803.*

DIED.—At Topsfield, Mrs. MARY HOBBS, consort of Mr. Benjamin Hobbs, aet. 53—a woman highly useful to her family, desirable to her friends and acquaintance, and exemplary as a Christian. *Salem Register, Oct. 6, 1803.*

DIED.—At Boxford, JOSHUA REA, killed by the wheels of his waggon. *Salem Register, Oct. 20, 1803.*

MARRIED.—At Topsfield, Mr. EPHRAIM PERKINS, to Miss MOLLY PERKINS. *Salem Gazette, June 10, 1803.*

DIED.—At Beverly, Mr. WILLIAM GALLOP, jun., formerly of Topsfield, aged 53. *Salem Gazette, June 14, 1803.*

FOUND.

On the road between Salem and Rowley, a bundle of MUSLINET. The owner may have the same by applying to the Subscriber, proving property, and paying charges.

DANIEL KNEELAND.

Near Ipswich line.

Topsfield, Aug. 5.

Salem Gazette, Aug. 5, 1803.

MARRIED.—At Topsfield, Mr. John B. Cummings, to Miss Patty Knowlton, of Hamilton.

Salem Gazette, Feb. 3, 1804.

Nathaniel Hammond of Topsfield, was administrator of the estate of Benj. Raddin, of Marblehead, mariner. *Salem Gazette, Feb. 3, 1804.*

DIED.—At Topsfield, Mr. Jonas Cummings, aged 40, of a long and distressing sickness, which he bore with that calmness that betokens the christian

mind. He has left a widow and three daughters to lament the loss of an affectionate husband and fond parent. In him society has lost a worthy member, and his numerous and respectable friends and acquaintance *a friend indeed.*

Salem Gazette, Feb. 21, 1804.

MARRIED.—At Topsfield, Mr. DANIEL BOARDMAN, to Miss ELIZABETH GOULD. *Salem Register, March 22, 1804.*

MARRIED.—At Topsfield, Mr. HUMPHREY WILDES, to Miss NABBY PEABODY.

MARRIED.—At Rowley, Mr. BENJAMIN HOBES of Topsfield, to Miss MEHITABLE SEARL, of the former place.

MARRIED.—At Wenham, Mr. THOMAS PERKINS jun. of Topsfield, to Miss SALLY KNOWLES of the former place.

Salem Register, July 9, 1804.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested, that the committee appointed by the Honorable Court of Sessions for the County of Essex, to locate the NEWBURYPORT TURNPIKE ROAD and to estimate the damage any persons may sustain by said road passing over their lands, have appointed to meet at the

Dwelling-House of Matthew Newall, Inn-holder, in Lynnfield, on *Monday*, the 13th day of August inst., at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of finishing the business of their appointment.

NATH'L MARSH, Chairman.
Haverhill, August 3rd, 1804.

Salem Register, Aug. 9, 1804.

DEATHS.—Killed instantly, by the falling in of the earth, while at work on the Turnpike, in Topsfield, on the 19th of July last, JONATHAN HOYT, aged 20; an active and industrious young man from Concord (N. H.) He was valued by his employers, esteemed and beloved by his acquaintance, and his sudden and awful death is lamented by all who knew him. His remains were interred on the Saturday following attended by a respectable number of the inhabitants of the town, as well as a numerous procession of those engaged in the same undertaking, whose decency and propriety of behavior witnessed their sorrow for the solemn event, and their sympathy for the afflictive stroke, which the Friends and relations of the deceased have sustained.

Salem Gazette, Aug. 13, 1804.

DIED.—At Hamilton, Mrs. DODGE, wife of Deacon Solo-

mon Dodge, of Topsfield, aged 60. *Salem Register*, Sept. 10, 1804.

The Storm.—From the country, generally, we learn that the fruit and forest trees, fences, etc., have suffered greatly, and that the roads in many places were obstructed by them on Wednesday morning. A Topsfield gentleman informs us, that many cows and calves perished in the severity of the storm in that Town. *Salem Gazette*, Oct. 12, 1804.

FOUND.—A Red Morocco Pocket Book, containing a number of Bank Bills, near the Topsfield Meeting House.—The owner may have it again on application to

Thomas Emerson.

Salem Gazette, Nov. 10, 1804.

Newburyport Turnpike.—25 miles of the road are made; bridges built over six rivers; hills reduced in some instances 25 feet; two houses of entertainment built, one of which is now open for travellers; and it is expected the whole route of 26 miles (from Newburyport to Malden road) will be open early in the spring. *Salem Gazette*, Dec. 28, 1804.

COURT RECORDS RELATING TO TOPSFIELD.
SALEM QUARTERLY COURT.

COPIED BY GEORGE FRANCIS DOW.

Jeffery Estie of Salem was presented at Court for much sleeping in church on the Lord's Day. 10 mo. 1642.

Files, Vol. I., p. 9.

August 13th 1642.

Knowe all men by these p^rnts that I William Hughs of New Meadowes have demised granted bargained and sould for divers goode causes and considerations mee there unto movinge but more especially for th[e][s]ome of thirty eight pounds in hand pd the receipt whereof I acknowledge as alsoe for the assurance of the some of eighteen pounds more to bee pd to mee the sd William my heires executors administrators or assigns at or before the fourteenly day of october next ensewinge the date hereof, have demised graunted assigned set over and sould unto Richard Barker of Quichochock, 3 yearlinge hifers 2 yerling bulls at twelve pounds ten shillings twoe kine at tenne pounds 4 calves at 3^l one house and house lot of 7 acres broken [] and twoe vnbroke, with all the corne mee there vnto belonging as allsoe twelve loads of hay with all the straw of the Corne there grow at the farme of M^r Paine where the sd William now lives at tenne pounds all these above sd pticulars it may bee lawfull for the sd Richard his heires or assignes, to sell assigne or dispose of as his owne pp right in witness whereof I have heere vnto set my hand.

Willm Huges [seal]

Test. [ffida] Ottery
John Huges.

Files, Vol. I. 15.

According to deposition, Walter Roper took his oath in the Court at Dover in the 8th mo. 1645, regarding a horse.

Files, Vol. I. 71.

John Burton of Salem was presented, with Giles Corey and two others, for sleeping in time of their watch and had their arms taken away from them. Files, Vol. I. 90.

Zacheus Curtties of Salem was presented at Court 30, 10 mo. 1647 for taking off tobacco in the open streete.

Files, Vol. I. 90.

Joseph Bigsby of Ipswich, husbandman, gave marriage bond 15, 10 mo. 1647, with widow Sarah Hearde of Ips. (wid. of Luke) to educate and care for her two children by Luke. Her father's name was John Wyat. Files, Vol. I. 95.

Joseph Bigsby departed the jurisdiction of the Court and was obliged to give above bond in consequence, on complaint of John Wyat. Files, Vol. I. 96.

Alexander Knight of Ipswich was presented at Court 10, 8 mo. 1650, for lying, the wit. were Mark Symonds, goodwife Perry, Robert Lord, goodman How and Richard Cooke.

Files, Vol. I. 117.

Thomas Hobbs was witness in the presentment of Henry Reinolds of Salem for beating his wife. 10 mo. 1648.

Files, Vol. I. 106.

William Avery jr. was witness in the presentment of Theophilus Salter of Ipswich for lying. 8 mo. 1650.

Files, Vol. I. 117.

Elizabeth How of Ipswich testified in a suit brought by John Bradstreet for defaming his character. 1 mo. 1651.

Files, Vol. I. 128.

Francis Uselton servant of Henry Jaques of Newbury was presented at Court for using the name of God prophanely and contemptuously in speech. 1 mo. 1651. Files, Vol. II. 3.

William Perkins witnessed will of Walter Tibbetts of Gloucester under date of June 5, 1651. Files, Vol. II. 26.

Mr. William Perkins, Gloucester was witness in Court against the wife of John Bourne of Gloucester accused of stealing left off garments, thread, etc. under date of 4 mo. 1652.

Files, Vol. II. 28.

Mrs. Houlgrave, Gloucester, was presented at Court "ffor reprochefull & unbeseeing speeches against m^r will: Perkins, an officer off a church, as namelye y^t if it were not ffor the Law, shee would never come to the meeting the Teacher was soe dead, & accordinglye shee did seldome come and & with all pswaded Goodwife Vincent to come to her house, on the Sabath Daye, & and reade good bookes, affirming: that the Teacher were fitter to bee a Laydes chamber-man, than to be in y^e pulpit." Files, Vol. II. 28.

The following writs were entered and returned 21, 7 mo. 1652. Wm. Paine, Ipswich vs Daniel Clarke, attached Clarkes farme to the amount of £80, "for the forfeiture of a farme sould vnto him by the sayd William Payne for non payment," also Wm. Paine, Ipswich vs. Daniel Clarke, attached Clarkes corn & hay to the value of 30 pounds on complaint of Wm. Paine for "withholding a debt due vnto him of about twenty one pounds vpon the shopp acompt," also Wm. Paine, Ipswich vs John Wildes, attached house & land of said Wildes to the value of £12, on complaint of Wm. Paine for "an action of debt of about seauen pounds dew vpon the shopp account." Files, Vol. II. 43.

Master Baker [Ipswich] was presented at Court "vpon suspisian for breach of that order which requires six bushills of mault to be put in to a hogshead of beare at thre penc the quort." 7th mo. 1652. Files, Vol. II. 46.

Edmund Bridges, Ipswich, was witness against Mr. Baker above. 7th mo. 1652. Files, Vol. II. 53.

I William Auerill of Ipswich being weake in bodye but of pfect memorye doe make this my last will and testament first I doe bequeath my body to the earth to be deasently buried in the Burying place of Ipswich my sperit int the hands of my Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ. And for my outward estate being but small I doe give vnto my children each of them being seuen in number the some of fve shillings a peece & the rest of my estate my debts being discharged I give vnto Abagal my wife whom I make sole execotrix of

this my last will in witness heerof I have heervnto sett my hand and seale the 3th of the 4th mo: 1652.

Andrew hodes.
Renold ffoster.

Will
Aveirell.

Proved in Court at Ipswich 29 March 1653.

Files, Vol. II. 54.

Inventory of the estate of William Averill of Ipswich, filed 29 Mar. 1653.

It.	hous: Lott & house	10:00:00
It.	10 acres of vpland ground & 6 A ^s meddo	10:00:00
It.	2 Kine & 2 two-yer: old	16:00:00
It.	2 shoats	01:00:00
It.	1 Iron pott—I brass pott—I frying pan—4 pewt ^r platt ^{rs} —I flago ⁿ —I Iro ⁿ Kettle—I brass Kettle—I Copp, 1 brass pan & some oth ^r smal things	02:17:00
It.	2 Chests—I feth ^r bed—I oth ^r bed—2 payre of sheets—2 bolst ^{er} —3 pillows—2 blan- ketts—I Covlid—I bedstead—& oth ^r smal linnen	05:10:00
It.	2 Coats & wearing appel	03:00:00
It.	1 warming pan	00:03:00
It.	A tub 2 pails a few books	00:10:00
	A Corslett	01:00:00
	what shee oweth	12:00:00

Reginold fost^r
Andrew Hodg^s

Apprisers.
Files, Vol. II. 54.

Edmond Marshall [Gloucester] was attached to the amount of £100, in a suit brought by Wm. Evans for defaming the wife of said Evans "in saying she was a witch or words to that pirpose." Warrant dated 4 Sept. 1653.

Files, Vol. II. 79.

Daniell Broadley [Gloucester] testified in the above case "the goodman marshall did say at my house that mistress pirkins goody euens goody duch and goody vinsen that they

weare vnder suspisian of being witches and that he thought that which was formerly by him and others was now come forth."

Files, Vol. II. 79.

Mr. William Perkins brought suit and attached Christopher Avery, Richard Boford and Robert Tucker in behalf of the inhabitants of Gloucester, to the amount of £50, for withholding what is due him for his labors among them. Writ dated 15 Sept. 1653.

Files, Vol. II. 81.

Christopher Avery of Gloucester was presented at Court Sept. 1653 "for many reprochfull & disgracefull speeches against m^r w^m Perkinss theyr Teacher which speeches were uttered in a publick Towne meeting both against the pson & ministry of the sayde m^r Perkinss." The witnesses were Wm. Evans, Richard Beeford, Wm. Vincent and Edward Miles.

Files, Vol. II. 86.

Robert Tucker of Gloucester was presented at Court Sept. 1653, "for using many reprochfull speeches against m^r w^m Perkinss theyr Teacher ——— him to ——— in a very vn-seemly manner also discouraging men for contributing to his maintenance."

Files, Vol. II. 86.

Robert Dutch of Gloucester was presented at Court Sept. 1653, "for reproachfull speeches against m^r w^m Perkinss in a publick towne meeting."

Files, Vol. II. 86.

John Roe of Gloucester was presented at Court, Sept. 1653, "for afronting m^r w^m Perkinss in the tyme of his preaching the word in publicke."

Files, Vol. II. 86.

In case of Payne vs Gilman under date of Sept. 30, 1653, both parties agreed upon "William Howard of Topsfield," as one of the arbitrators.

Files, Vol. II. 107.

Goodman Isaac Cummings having claimed ownership to a heifer in the possession of John Fuller and driven the same to his home, suit was brought. John Avery was one of those who testified. He said he had lived with Goodman Cummings during the past year and knew the heifer, etc. 28 Mar. 1654.

Files, Vol. II. 126.

George Hadley of Ipswich had "two servants" presented at Court, March 1654. Files, Vol. II. 130.

William Howard had authority to issue writs of attachment in 1654. (prob. was clerk of court.) Files, Vol. II. 144.

William Goodhue, Ipswich, under date of March 1653, leased "his farme" for 14 years to Robert Wallis and William Smith both of Ipswich, they to "breake vp twelf accres of ground and croscutt it and harrow it and alsoe a 6 accer lott of meddow beyond gravelly brook as alsoe a parcel of medow which lyeth in the medow in the thick woods att the vpper end of that medow mr Vincent haveing a parcell att the lower end and the said William Goodhue is too build them a hous and a barne the hous thirty foott long with two chimneys in the midst and the barne forty foott long with a lean-too att the one end the sayd barne twenty foott wid and allsoe foure bullocks four yeare old a peace for the which the said Robert Wallis and William Smith is too fence the farm in for the first yeares rentt and afterward too paye twenty pownd a yeare for the terme of fourteen yeares."

Files, Vol. II. 153.

Robert Smith of Ipswich testified that he came to New England in the same ship with Mr. Whittingham, which was in the year 1638, as testified by another servant of Mr. Whittingham, they coming from Boston in Lincolnshire, sailing in May 1638 from London. Mar. 1655. Files, Vol. III. 3-5.

Thomas Avery witnessed the will of John Bridgeman of Salem not dated but proved in Salem Court Nov. 1655. Farmer John Porter was one of the creditors of the estate. Nov. 1655. Files, Vol. III. 31.

Rebecca Bacon, widow, Salem, in her will dated Mar. 23, 1655, pro. Nov. 29, 1655, gives a neck handkerchief to "sister Avery" and appointed "Thomas Avery" an overseer of her will. Nov. 1655. Files, Vol. III. 37.

Alexander Knight named as being of Ipswich, Mar. 26, 1656. Files, Vol. III. 41.

The case Kimball vs Smith (Ipswich) relating to damage done by cattle. Robert Andrews and his wife Mary testified. John Newman also testified. March 25, 1656.

Files, Vol. III. 43.

Isaac Cummings senr. and Ed. Bridges were witnesses against Wm. Duglas of Ipswich who was presented "for taking of 19lb of Shorborne Wilson his late servant, for 9 mo. time, which we think tends to oppression." March 1656.

Files, Vol. III. 45.

Zacheos Gould of Rowley [Topsfield] was presented at Court "for not frequenting the publike ordinances vpon the saboth dayes." March 1656.

Files, Vol. III. 45.

Sary Barnes "now the wife of Francis Usselton of Wenham" was presented at Court "for speaking reproachfully against minister & people at Wells, saying that Mr. Syth Flecher ther sayd minister, vpon the Saboth daye in time of the publike ordinance when he had sett the psalme, that while the people were a singing he the sayd mr flecher did take tobackcoo in the publike meeting-house & while he the sayd mr flecher was a preaching the people would take tobackcoo in the publike meeting-house." The witnesses were the wife of George Bunker, the wife of John Redington & the wife of Abra. Redington. March 1656.

Files, Vol. III. 45.

Edward Bridges and John Andros were witnesses at the presentment of John Forgison of Ipswich for lying. 30 Sept. 1656.

Files, Vol. III. 55.

Edward Bridges of Andover was presented for lying. Gov. Bradstreet was one of the witnesses. 30 Sept. 1656.

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Evan Morris of Topsfield was presented at Court "for Reviling in reproachfull language the ordinance of God and such as are in Church fellowship saying when some was together keeping a day of Humilliation that they were Howling like wolues and lifting up there paws for there Children saying the gallows were built for members and members

Children and if there had beene noe members of Churches there would haue beene noe need of gallows." The witnesses were James Howe jr., John How, John pearley and Mary How. 30 Sept. 1656. Files, Vol. III. 55.

William Browne of Gloucester was complained of in Ipswich Court 2 April 1657 for "speaking disgracefully against Mr. Blinman and Mr. Perkins and Mr. Millet, saying Mr. Blinman was naught and Perkins was starke naught and Millet was worse then Perkins." Files, Vol. III. 108.

John Perley of Topsfield was presented at Court for lying about a horse. April session, 1657.

George Abbott aged about 40 years testified that Oct. 3, 1656 John Perley & John How came to Andover, Perley riding upon a colt and How upon a mare, both horses were tired, Perley said he had bought his colt recently and it was not yet broke in, "but hoped he should doe it this voyage." By other testimony it was proved that the colt belonged to Anthony Potter of Ipswich. Files, Vol. III. 114.

The assignees of Zerobabell Phillips of Ipswich brought suit against Isaac Commins, senr., for debt, amt. £5.2.6 said debt to be paid in wheat and barley. Tried in Court, Mar. 1657. Thomas Averill made deposition. William Smith was a bondsman for Zarobabell Phillips. John Cummins son of Isaac Commins made deposition.

Files, Vol. III. 76-77.

Isaac Cummings, senr., brought suit against John Fuller for damage done in his corn by swine belonging to said Fuller. Fuller was fined £1.10 & costs. Isaac Cummings jur. testified, Isaac Cummings senr., "his girle" named as driving swine away from an opening in the fence. Said Cummings field of indian corne was located near the cornfield of Edward Bragg who bought his land of William Story. Said land was next the common. 31 Dec. 1656.

Files, Vol. III. 78.

In case of John Choate Ipswich, presented for lying. Samuel Mighell made deposition April 9, 1657, as to what Choate said. John Androus then master of John Choate named,

also goodwife Androus and Thomas Androus. Maids Hanna Day and Hanna Porter also named. Files, Vol. III. 115.

Thomas Dexter, Lynn, brought suit to recover Nahant and John Ramsdell made deposition "aged fifty five yeares or there abouts saith that aboute five and twenty yeares since being a seruant vnto Capt. Torner" etc., etc. 30, 4 mo. 1657. Files, Vol. III. 118.

Edmund Bridges jr., of Ipswich presented for fornication. 29, 7 mo. 1657. Files, Vol. III. 137.

Edword Brogis (Bridges) of Ipswich was concerned in a debt where action was taken in Court. His father is mentioned in a manner showing that "Edword" was probably a minor. 9th, 2nd month 1657. Files, Vol. III. 137.

John Younglove of Ipswich made deposition that "enquiring of Hachilah Bridges one night this weeke concerning a paire of gloues wth blacke fringes, w^{ch} Nehemiah Jewet taking from Edmun Bridges did lay claime vnto. In his brother Josiah Hubbards name said that he had them of John Smith of Rowly & gaue two shillings for them." 9 April 1657. Files, Vol. III. 138.

Simon Stacey, Ipswich, made deposition, "that meating with edman Bredges on the lekter day he asked me if that i hade not heard of y^e story abought y^e towne of hime abought thos two wenches i toulde him not, he tould me y^t he mowing with Samuella Youngloue tould him that he had [f—d] Mary Browne, and the simple foole went and tould Thomas Fowler. (Confest in court by Edmond Bridges.)" 9 April 1657. Files, Vol. III. 138.

Shoreborne Willson made deposition "that being at Rowly lecture in January or february last he saw Ed: Bridges in the sermon tyme gett a peace of paper of Daniell Warner jr. & wrote in it and over his shoulder red these words (goodman Tode I would in treate you) and after Lecture saw him deliver the same paper to Goodman Tod and sayd his ffather sent it & then Goodman Tod asked Ed: Bridges if he might trust him y^t it was from his ffather, he answered yes it was &

being afterward at his ffathers shop this deponent tould his ffather of it & he denyed it, & some ten dayes after coming vnto the shope agayne his ffather was chydeing of him amongst other things for his writing of that note without his consent & Ed: Bridges did threaten to sue this deponent & did fetch a warrant & served it for slandering of him soe this deponent was forced to goe to Goodman Tod to fetch the sayd note & when he saw it knew it to be the same paper that he had of Daniell Warner in the meeting house of Rowley and after he the s^d Ed: Bridges heard this deponent had the note he came & agreed with me this deponent & let his sute fall." 9 Aprill 1657. Files, Vol. III. 138.

Thomas Varnham aged 25 made deposition "that he heard Edward Bridges was gone from his master to Ipswich without his masters consent and this deponent meeting the said Edward coming home asked him how he would answer his goinge without his masters leaue and the said Edward replied, he should doe well enough for he had a letter from his father to his master and he pulled out a letter and shewed it me and it was sealed and directed to Mr. Bradstreete. 2 April 1657. Files, Vol. III. 139.

Samuell Lumas made deposition that "he saw Edmun Bridges borrow a piece of paper of Daniel Warner, jun., In lecture time at Rowly, but where in he wrote to Goodman Todde to deliver him 5 shillings in his fathers name." 9 Apr. 1657. Files, Vol. III. 139.

John How made deposition regarding Hackaliah Bridges who was presented at Court for fornication. He speaks of going over the new bridge, and of going with Bridges as far as William Avery's when they parted and How went to his uncle Danes. 29th 7th month 1657. Files, Vol. III. 140.

Thomas Hobes, Richard Hutten & Charles Gott witnessed the will of Humphrey Gilbert dated 14, 12th month 1657. Prob. 30 Mar. 1658. Files, Vol. IV. 19.

